HOUSE BILL 76

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

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AN ACT

RELATING TO NEWBORN INFANT HEALTH; ADDING ECHOCARDIOGRAMS AND ELECTROCARDIOGRAMS TO THE REQUIRED TESTS FOR NEWBORN INFANTS WHO ARE AT HIGHER RISK OF CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 24-1-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1973, Chapter 359, Section 6, as amended) is amended to read:

"24-1-6. TESTS REQUIRED FOR NEWBORN INFANTS.--

A. The department shall adopt screening tests for the detection of congenital diseases that shall be given to every newborn infant, except that, after being informed of the reasons for the tests, the parents or guardians of the newborn child may waive the requirements for the tests in writing. The screening tests shall include at a minimum:

(1) 3-methylcrotonyl-CoA deficiency;

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(2) 3-OH 3-CH3 glutaric aciduria;

(3) argininosuccinic acidemia;

(4) mitochondrial acetoacetyl-CoA thiolase deficiency;

(5) biotinidase deficiency;

(6) carnitine uptake defect;

(7) citrullinemia;

(8) congenital adrenal hyperplasia;

(9) congenital hypothyroidism;

(10) cystic fibrosis;

(11) galactosemia;

(12) glutaric acidemia type I;

(13) Hb S/beta-thalassemia;

(14) hearing deficiency;

(15) homocystinuria;

(16) isovaleric acidemia;

(17) long-chain L-3-OH acyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency;

(18) maple syrup urine disease;

(19) medium chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency;

(20) methylmalonic acidemia;

(21) multiple carboxylase deficiency;

(22) phenylketonuria;

(23) proponic acidemia;

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(24) sickle cell anemia;

(25) trifunctional protein deficiency;

(26) tyrosinemia type I;

(27) very long-chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency; and

(28) critical congenital heart disease:

(a) by means of a test performed using a pulse oximeter before the newborn infant is discharged from the hospital or birthing facility where the newborn infant was born. For the purposes of this [~~paragraph~~] subparagraph, "pulse oximeter" means a device that measures the oxygen saturation of arterial blood; and

(b) by means of an echocardiogram and electrocardiogram if the newborn infant has a familial history of congenital heart disease or if either of the newborn infant's biological parents report that they: 1) have ever fainted, passed out or had an unexplained seizure suddenly and without warning, especially during exercise; 2) have ever had exercise-related chest pain or shortness of breath; 3) are related to someone who has died of a heart problem or an unexpected sudden death before the age of fifty, including a death from drowning, an unexplained car accident or sudden infant death syndrome; or 4) are related to someone with heart-related issues or anyone younger than fifty years old who has a pacemaker or implantable defibrillator. If a facility lacks

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the equipment or staff to perform these tests, the facility shall provide to the newborn infant's parents a referral to receive an echocardiogram and electrocardiogram upon discharge.

B. Upon the later of either January 1, 2011 or when the secretary finds that these screening tests are reasonably available, the department shall adopt screening tests for the detection of the following genetic diseases that shall be given to every newborn infant; except that, after being informed of the reasons for the tests, the parents or guardians of the newborn child may waive the requirements of the tests in writing. The screening tests shall include:

(1) acid maltase deficiency or glycogen storage disease type II;

(2) globoid cell leukodystrophy;

(3) Gaucher's disease;

(4) Niemann-Pick disease; and

(5) Fabry disease.

C. In determining which other congenital diseases to screen for, the secretary shall consider the recommendations of the New Mexico pediatric society [~~of~~] and the American academy of pediatrics.

D. The department shall institute and carry on such laboratory services or may contract with another agency or entity to provide such services as are necessary to detect the presence of congenital diseases.

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E. The department shall, as necessary, carry on an educational program among physicians, hospitals, public health nurses and the public concerning congenital diseases.

F. The department shall require that all hospitals or institutions having facilities for childbirth perform or have performed screening tests for congenital diseases on all newborn infants except if the parents or guardians of a child object to the tests in writing.

G. For the purposes of this section:

(1) "echocardiogram" means a test that uses ultrasound to detect heart defects, assess heart function and evaluate congenital anomalies; and

(2) "electrocardiogram" means a test that measures the heart's electrical activity to aid with the diagnosis of arrhythmias or other heart issues."

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