

HB 1807 -- NEWBORN SCREENING TESTS

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This bill specifies that each birthing hospital or birth center in the state must designate an employee to be responsible for the newborn screening program in that institution.

All information requested must be provided on the newborn screening collection forms purchased from the department of health and senior services and delivered to the department's laboratories via courier service, or, if courier service is unavailable, forwarded by first-class mail or other appropriate means within 24 hours after collection.

The bill requires specimens to be collected in accordance with instructions on the specimen collection form and the timing of specimen collection must be determined by certain specified conditions.

A health care provider caring for an infant with an abnormal high-risk test report from newborn screening must report a definitive diagnosis within 30 days of the date of diagnosis to the appropriate newborn screening follow-up center as contracted by the department.

Any person or entity that has reason to believe that a physician, certified nurse midwife, public health facility, ambulatory surgical center, or hospital violated these provisions must file a complaint with the department. Upon receipt of the complaint the department is required to conduct an investigation of the suspected physician, certified nurse midwife, public health facility, ambulatory surgical center, or hospital.