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Title 26. Health and Vital Statistics
Chapter 2. State Department of Health
Article 2. Powers and Duties
T. Newborn Infants; Hypothyroidism and Other Preventable Disorders

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N.J. Stat. § 26:2-111 (2017)

§ 26:2-111. Testing of infants for biochemical disorders

All infants born in this State shall be tested for hypothyroidism, galactosemia and phenylketonuria. The Commissioner of Health shall issue regulations to assure that newborns are so tested in a manner approved by the commissioner. The commissioner shall ensure that treatment services are available to all identified individuals. The State Department of Health may charge a reasonable fee for the tests performed pursuant to this act. The amount of the fee and the procedures for collecting the fee shall be determined by the commissioner. The commissioner shall apply all revenues collected from the fees to the testing and treatment procedures performed pursuant to this act.

The commissioner may also require testing of newborn infants for other preventable biochemical disorders if reliable and efficient testing techniques are available. If the commissioner determines that an additional test shall be required, 90 days prior to requiring the test he shall advise the President of the Senate, Speaker of the General Assembly and chairmen of the standing reference committees on Revenue, Finance and Appropriations and Institutions, Health and Welfare of his determination.

The commissioner shall provide a program of reviewing and following up on positive cases in order that measures may be taken to prevent mental retardation or other permanent disabilities.

Information on newborn infants and their families compiled pursuant to this section may be used by the department and agencies designated by the commissioner for the purposes of carrying out this act, but otherwise the information shall be confidential and not divulged or made public so as to disclose the identity of any person to which it relates, except as provided by law. The department shall conduct an intensive educational and training program among physicians, hospitals, public health nurses and the public concerning those biochemical disorders. This program shall include information concerning the nature of the disorders, testing for the detection of these disorders and treatment modalities for these disorders.

The provisions of this section shall not apply if the parents of a newborn infant object to the testing on the grounds that it would conflict with their religious tenets or practices.

HISTORY: P.L. 1977, c. 321, § 2; amended 1981, c. 357, § 3; 1988, c. 24, § 3.

NOTES:

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Related Statutes & Rules:

ADMINISTRATIVE CODE:

N.J.A.C. 8:18 (2013), CHAPTER NEWBORN BIOCHEMICAL SCREENING PROGRAM, 8, Chapter 18 -- Chapter Notes.

N.J.A.C. 8:18-1.3 (2013), CHAPTER NEWBORN BIOCHEMICAL SCREENING PROGRAM, Diseases and conditions tested.

N.J.A.C. 8:18-1.11 (2013), CHAPTER NEWBORN BIOCHEMICAL SCREENING PROGRAM, Responsibility of the Department.