

H.639

Sample language in regard to midwives and birth attendants

To clarify the MOD is not advocating for a specific "religious exemption" that the example of language describes. We do support the parent "opt out". Sample language from another state.

Thanks,

Abby

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**Subject: RE: follow up to committee's request on H.639 pulse oximetry legislation**

Good Morning,

I have provided sample language in regard to midwives and birth attendants as well as language that leaves the option open for a different testing method if the pulse oximetry standard should change in the future.

Newborn Screening; Critical Congenital Heart Disease Screening Test Required – The physician, hospital, nurse midwife, midwife, or home birth attendant or other health care provider attending a newborn child shall perform a pulse oximetry screening, according to the recommendations the Department of Health. The department may approve another test to conduct congenital heart defects screenings if it is an evidence-based guidance, including, but not limited to, recommended guidance issued by the federal Health and Human Services Discretionary Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children. A screening shall be performed before the newborn infant is discharged from the birthing facility or hospital or home birth service to the care of the parent or guardian, however, that the screening shall not be performed if the parent or guardian of the newborn infant object to the screening based upon the sincerely held religious beliefs of the parent or guardian.

We feel as well that it is important to include date surveillance reporting to track incidence of CCHD in the interest of public health.

Thank you,

Abby Rogers, March of Dimes