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**Chapter 17. Prevention and Treatment Programs:
Examination of Infants for Phenylketonuria, Hypothyroidism,
and Other Disorders**

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Examinations; religious exemption

Sec. 2. (a) Subject to subsection (d), every infant shall be given examinations at the earliest feasible time for the detection of the following disorders:

- (1) Phenylketonuria.
- (2) Hypothyroidism.
- (3) Hemoglobinopathies, including sickle cell anemia.
- (4) Galactosemia.
- (5) Maple Syrup urine disease.
- (6) Homocystinuria.
- (7) Inborn errors of metabolism that result in an intellectual disability and that are designated by the state department.
- (8) Congenital adrenal hyperplasia.
- (9) Biotinidase deficiency.
- (10) Disorders detected by tandem mass spectrometry or other technologies with the same or greater detection capabilities as tandem mass spectrometry, if the state department determines that the technology is available for use by a designated laboratory under section 7 of this chapter.

(b) Subject to subsection (d), every infant shall be given a physiologic hearing screening examination at the earliest feasible time for the detection of hearing impairments.

(c) Beginning January 1, 2012, and subject to subsection (d), every infant shall be given a pulse oximetry screening examination at the earliest feasible time for the detection of low oxygen levels. Section 10(a)(2) of this chapter does not apply to this subsection.

(d) If a parent of an infant objects in writing, for reasons pertaining to religious beliefs only, the infant is exempt from the examinations required by this chapter.

As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.24. Amended by P.L.91-1999, SEC.2;

IC 16-41-17-3**Educational program**

Sec. 3. The state department shall conduct an intensive educational program among physicians, hospitals, public health nurses, and the public concerning the disorders listed in section 2 of this chapter. The educational program must include information about:

(1) the nature of the disorders; and

(2) examinations for the detection of the disorders in infancy; so that measures may be taken to prevent the intellectual disabilities, medical complications, or mortality resulting from the disorders.

As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.24. Amended by P.L.117-2015, SEC.35.

IC 16-41-17-4**Tests**

Sec. 4. After consultation with medical authorities, the state department shall require appropriate tests to be used in the detection of disorders listed in section 2 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.24.

IC 16-41-17-5**Detection plans and procedures**

Sec. 5. The state department and all local boards of health shall encourage and promote the development of plans and procedures for the detection of the disorders listed in section 2 of this chapter in all local health jurisdictions of Indiana.

As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.24.

IC 16-41-17-6**Reports**

Sec. 6. (a) The state department shall provide forms on which the results of tests performed on each child for the disorders listed in section 2 of this chapter shall be reported to the state department by physicians and hospitals.

(b) The state department shall ascertain at least quarterly the extent of such testing and the findings shall be reported to all hospitals, physicians, and other groups interested in child welfare.

As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.24.