

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
CONCISE STATEMENT OF PROPOSED NON-TEHCNICAL AMENDMENTS
(AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING REGULATIONS)

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-1.7(b)(8), the following is a concise statement of proposed non-technical amendments to *Newborn Metabolic, Endocrine, and Hemoglobinopathy Screening Program and Newborn Hearing Loss Program (216-RICR-20-05-1)*.

Amendment Coordinates	Rationale/Summary of Change
Part 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds “Genetic” after “Newborn” and before “Metabolic” in the title, which currently reads Newborn Metabolic, Endocrine, and Hemoglobinopathy Screening Program.
§ 1.1 (A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds “genetic” after “comprehensive” and before “metabolic”.
§ 1.2 (A)(5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds the definition of the word “Health Care Provider”.
§ 1.2 (A)(8), formerly § 1.2 (A)(7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revises definition to correctly reference Rhode Island’s Hearing Detection and Intervention Program.
§ 1.2 (A)(10), formerly § 1.2 (A)(9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revises definition to correctly describe RIDOH’s Newborn Screening Program.
§ 1.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds “Genetic” after “Newborn” and before “Metabolic” in the section title.
§ 1.3 (A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revises language for clarity and correctly cites R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-13-14.
§ 1.3 (A)(5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds a new disorder type “Genetic Disorders.”
§ 1.3 (A)(5)(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds a new disorder “Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) as a condition for which newborn children must be screened.
§ 1.3 (B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes duplicative language; creates language to give responsibility of collecting a filter specimen for a newborn to the health care facility, hospital, or in the event the birth occurs in a location other than a health care facility to the physician and/or midwife attending the birth.
§ 1.3 (C),	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revises language for clarity on laboratory responsibilities for analyzing newborn screening tests.
§ 1.3 (C)(1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds language to clarify who receives the newborn screening reports.
§ 1.3 (C)(2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds language to instruct what happens when newborn screening results are inconclusive.
§ 1.3 (C)(3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds language to instruct what happens when newborn screening results are positive.
§§ 1.3 (C)(4), 1.3 (C)(4)(a), 1.3 (C)(4)(b), 1.3 (C)(4)(c), and 1.3 (B)(C)(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds language to give reporting instructions for when a diagnosis is confirmed and revises language for clarity on what information must be reported to RIDOH.
§ 1.3 (D)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes duplicative language.
§ 1.4 (A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revises language to align with Rhode Island statute and correctly references procedures for testing hearing loss in newborns.
§ 1.5 (A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revises language to correctly site the fee for testing all newborns for genetic, metabolic, endocrine, and hemoglobinopathy diseases and disorders and hearing.
§ 1.5 (B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes duplicative language.
§ 1.6 (A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revises language for clarity on newborn screening health insurance coverage and aligns to match Rhode Island statute.
§ 1.6 (B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revises language to determine what services are paid for when a patient is eligible for medical assistance; revises payment responsibility with what is in statute; and revises to correctly reference R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 40-8 and 42-12.3.
§ 1.6 (C)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds language on who pays for the newborn screening, whether born in a health care facility or in a location other than the health care facility, if there is an absence of a third-party payor.

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§ 1.6 (D)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="235 300 1331 367">• Removes duplicative language. Adds language for RIDOH to be reimbursed for newborn screenings when healthcare providers are compensated for the screening.