

PUBLIC COMMENTS

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, the following are the public comments received:

AGENCY: Rhode Island Department of Health

RULE IDENTIFIER: 216-RICR-20-05-1

RULE TITLE: Newborn Genetic, Metabolic, Endocrine, and Hemoglobinopathy Screening Program and Newborn Hearing Loss Screening Program

REASON FOR RULEMAKING:

This amendment to the regulations requires screening for spinal muscular atrophy (SMA); removes superfluous language; clarifies responsibility of specimen collecting, analyzing of the specimen and reporting instructions for inconclusive and confirmed diagnosis; clarifies how services are paid for with insurance, without insurance and when an individual is eligible for medical assistance.

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS:

No comments or testimony was received during the public comment period; therefore, no non-technical revision were made to the regulations posted for public comment, and no justification for not implementing suggested revisions is required.