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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Title of Rule: Newborn Metabolic, Endocrine, Hemoglobin, and other Disorders Screening Program and Newborn Hearing Impairment Screening Program

Rule Identifier: 216-RICR-20-05-1

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: November 19, 2026

End of Public Comment: December 19, 2026

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 23-13-13 and 23-13-14

R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-13-9

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

RIDOH is proposing the following amendments to Newborn Metabolic, Endocrine, and Hemoglobin, and Other Disorders Screening Program and Newborn Hearing Impairment Screening Program (216-RICR-20-05-1):

- Added language to match the statutory changes to R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-13-14 requiring midwives, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants attending a newborn child to cause said child to be subject to newborn screenings.
- Added “Infantile Krabbe Disease” pursuant to the requirements in R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-13-14.

Additional Information and Public Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until December 19, 2026 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, an oral hearing will be granted if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, by a governmental agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within ten (10) days of the publication of this notice.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

In development of this rule, consideration was given to:
1. Alternative approaches;
2. Overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and
3. Significant economic impact on small business.
No alternative approach, duplication or overlap was identified based on available information. RIDOH has determined that the benefits of the rule justify its costs.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation contact the agency staffperson listed above.