



NEWBORN METABOLIC SYSTEM REDESIGN

WEST VIRGINIA

Who has the authority to change the panel of disorders? Is an Advisory Committee required?

The Commissioner of State Public Health has authority. There is no mention of an advisory committee; however, a nonstatutory, multidisciplinary, advisory group exists.

Who is responsible for ensuring a newborn screen is performed?

The statute states, "the hospital or birthing center...the parents or legal guardians, the physician attending the newborn, or any person attending a newborn not under a physicians care..."

Are newborn screening laboratory services regulated? How?

The statute states, "The Bureau of Public Health shall establish and maintain facilities at its State Hygienic Laboratory for testing specimens..." Also, "the State Bureau of Public Health is authorized to establish additional laboratories..." Currently the State Hygienic Laboratory performs testing.

What additional system components does the fee cover?

West Virginia does not currently charge for these services, which include screening, identification, tracking-reporting, diagnosis, and follow-up.

How are consent, confidentiality and other privacy issues addressed by statute or administrative code/regulation?

All newborns must participate in newborn screening unless a parent or guardian objects on religious grounds. The person who administers screening must fully inform the parents of the purpose of the test and must provide the family with a reasonable opportunity to object. With the exception of anonymous statistical data, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources may not disclose information obtained from a newborn screening specimen or the parent or guardian of an infant.