



Summary

Maryland House Bill 714/Senate Bill 786

Newborn Screening for Critical Congenital Heart Disease

On May 19, 2011, Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley signed House Bill (HB) 714 and Senate Bill (SB) 786, "Health - Newborn Screening Program - Critical Congenital Heart Disease," into law. This law will help to implement critical congenital heart disease screening for all newborns in the state.

Bill Sponsors: Delegate Tom Hucker (District 20-Montgomery County) and Senator Karen Montgomery (District 14-Montgomery County)

Key Provisions

- Requires the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's State Advisory Council on Hereditary and Congenital Disorders (Advisory Council) to develop recommendations on the implementation of critical congenital heart disease screening of all newborns in the state.
- Requires the Advisory Council to convene experts from the stakeholder community as it develops its recommendations.
- Requires the Advisory Council to examine the impact of implementing this screening, including an examination of costs and reimbursement, as it develops its recommendations.
- Requires the Advisory Council to submit its recommendations to the Maryland General Assembly by December 31, 2011.
- Stipulates that if federal recommendations are adopted regarding newborn screening for critical congenital heart disease, the State of Maryland will adopt these recommendations, regardless of the Advisory Council's recommendations.
- Effective Date: July 1, 2011

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