

# Notice of Agency Rule-making Proposal

**AGENCY:** Department of Health & Human Services

**RULE TITLE OR SUBJECT:** Chapter 283, Rules and regulations relating to testing newborn infants for detection of causes of cognitive disabilities and selected genetic conditions.

**PROPOSED RULE NUMBER: 98-P**

(LEAVE BLANK - ASSIGNED BY SECRETARY OF STATE):

**CONCISE SUMMARY (UNDERSTANDABLE BY AVERAGE CITIZEN):** These rules and regulations define the responsibilities of hospital administration and staff, physicians and other health care providers, midwives and other “principal birthing attendants”, parents and others, with regard to the screening of newborn infants for metabolic disorders and other selected genetic conditions that if left untreated are likely to cause cognitive disabilities, serious illness or death.. These rules address the designation of a contact person in each hospital, timing of newborn blood specimen collection, parental refusal of tests, conditions to be screened, records to be maintained, responsibilities for follow-up tests and reporting when necessary and the storage and use of leftover specimens and identify the fee charged for newborn bloodspot screening.

**THIS RULE WILL\_\_ WILL NOT X HAVE A FISCAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES.**

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** 22 MRSA §§ 1532, 1533, and 22-A MRSA § 210

**PUBLIC HEARING):** No public hearing has been scheduled.  
(IF ANY, GIVE DATE, TIME, LOCATION)

**DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS: July 24, 2009**

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