

Amendment to SB 355-FN

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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3 1 Department of Health and Human Services; Early Detection of Cytomegalovirus. The
4 commissioner of the department of health and human services shall amend current rule He-P
5 3008.15 to require individuals conducting newborn hearing screening and diagnostic hearing
6 evaluation reports to include the result of cytomegalovirus (CMV) screening for any infant who does
7 not pass the final newborn hearing screening. Such rules shall clearly indicate that the parent may
8 opt-out of the screenings.

9 2 Department of Health and Human Services; Early Detection of Cytomegalovirus. The
10 department of health and human services shall provide information on the importance of early
11 detection of cytomegalovirus (CMV) through the New Hampshire newborn screening program,
12 established in RSA 132:10-a, and include an update on targeted newborn CMV screening in New
13 Hampshire to the oversight committee on health and human services, established in RSA 126-A:13,
14 for inclusion in the department's annual report, pursuant to RSA 132:10-a, IV, on or before March 1,
15 2025.

16 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill directs the department of health and human services to revise administrative rules to require individuals conducting newborn hearing screening and diagnostic hearing evaluation reports to include the result of cytomegalovirus (CMV) screenings for any infant who does not pass the final newborn hearing screening, provided that the parent has not declined to participate in such screenings. The bill also directs the department to provide information on the importance of early detection of CMV through the newborn screening program and to provide an update on targeted newborn CMV screenings to the oversight committee on health and human services.