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To: Interested Parties

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Subject: OAR 333-024 - "Update of the Newborn Screening rules"

The Oregon Health Authority (Authority), Public Health Division, Oregon State Public Health Laboratory's (OSPHL) Northwest Regional Newborn Bloodspot Screening Program (NWRNBS Program) is proposing a permanent rulemaking for administrative rules in chapter 333, division 24 pertaining to newborn screening. The proposed rulemaking is administrative and should not affect provider practices.

The proposed rulemaking updates the effective dates of rules to be in alignment with the effective dates of other rules in division 24 pertaining to newborn screening. Rules proposed in this rulemaking reference other rules in chapter 333, division 24 that were recently amended, effective November 25, 2019. This rulemaking is necessary to ensure that any reference made to other rules aligns to the most recent version. In addition, the proposed amendments update language to reflect the definitions outlined in the rules.

You are being invited to review and comment on the proposed rules. You may file written comments before 5:00 p.m. on December 23, 2019 by submitting them to the Public Health Division Rules Coordinator at the following address:

OHA, Public Health Division
Brittany Hall, Administrative Rules Coordinator
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E-mail comments to: publichealth.rules@state.or.us. You may also send comments by fax to (971) 673-1299.

Final rules will be filed after consideration of all comments. Rules will be effective February 1, 2020.

For more details, please see the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Statement of Need and Fiscal Impact and the full text of the proposed rules at the following website: www.bitly.com/nbs-news. Please share this information with anyone in your organization who might benefit.
If you have questions or would like a paper copy of these proposed rules, please contact Chris Biggs at 503-693-4172 or christianne.biggs@state.or.us.