

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 31, 2025

Introduced by Sen. PARKER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring hepatitis C virus testing of newborns

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section
2 2500-n to read as follows:

3 § 2500-n. Hepatitis C Virus (HCV); testing of newborns. 1. In order to
4 improve the health outcomes of newborns, and to improve access to care
5 and treatment for newborns infected with or exposed to Hepatitis C Virus
6 (HCV) and their birth parent, the commissioner shall establish a compre-
7 hensive program for the testing of newborns for the presence of Hepati-
8 tis C Virus (HCV) and/or the presence of antibodies to such virus.

9 2. The commissioner shall promulgate regulations governing the imple-
10 mentation of the program required pursuant to subdivision one of this
11 section, including the administration of testing, counseling, tracking,
12 disclosure of test results pursuant to section twenty-seven hundred
13 eighty-two of this chapter, follow-up reviews, and educational activ-
14 ities relating to such testing.

15 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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