§ 2500-l. Pregnant people, blood test for hepatitis C virus (HCV); follow-up care. 1. Every physician or other authorized practitioner attending a pregnant person in the state shall order a hepatitis C virus (HCV) screening test and if the test is reactive, an HCV RNA test must be performed on the same specimen, or a second specimen collected at the same time as the initial HCV screening test specimen, to confirm diagnosis of current infection. The health care provider shall either offer all persons with a detectable HCV RNA test follow-up HCV health care and treatment or refer the individual to a health care provider who can provide follow-up HCV health care and treatment.

2. The physician or other authorized practitioner attending a pregnant person shall record the HCV test results prominently in the pregnant person's medical record at or before the time of hospital admission for delivery.

3. The commissioner may promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary to carry out the requirements of this section.