

WAC 246-650-035 Screening for critical congenital heart disease.

(1) Prior to a hospital discharge of a newborn, the hospital shall ensure that:

(a) A licensed health care provider perform critical congenital heart disease screening on the newborn using pulse oximetry according to recommended American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines;

(b) Record the results of the critical congenital heart disease screening test in the newborn's medical record; and

(c) If the screening test indicates a suspicion of abnormality, refer the newborn for appropriate care and report the test results to the newborn's attending health care provider and parent, parents, or guardian.

(2)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, a health care provider attending a birth outside of a hospital shall, between twenty-four and forty-eight hours after the birth of the newborn:

(i) Perform critical congenital heart disease screening on the newborn using pulse oximetry according to recommended American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines;

(ii) Record the results of the critical congenital heart disease screening test in the newborn's medical record; and

(iii) If the screening test indicates a suspicion of abnormality, refer the newborn for appropriate care and report the test results to the newborn's attending health care provider and parents or guardians.

(b) If the health care provider does not perform the test required in (a) of this subsection because he or she does not possess the proper equipment, the health care provider shall notify the parents or guardians in writing that the health care provider was unable to perform the test and that the newborn should be tested by another health care provider no sooner than twenty-four hours after the birth, but no later than forty-eight hours after the birth.

(3) A health care provider may not test a newborn as required by this section if the parents or guardians object to the test based on religious beliefs.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 70.83.050, 70.83.090 and RCW 70.83.020. WSR 19-20-025, § 246-650-035, filed 9/23/19, effective 10/24/19.]