

1 (3) Development of follow-up protocols to assure early treatment for identified
2 children, and the provision of genetic counseling and support services for the
3 families of identified children.

4 (4) Provision of necessary dietary treatment products or medications for
5 identified children as medically indicated and when not otherwise available.

6 (5) For each newborn, provision of physiological screening in each ear for the
7 presence of permanent hearing loss.

8 (6) For each newborn, provision of pulse oximetry screening to detect
9 congenital heart defects.

10 (b) The Commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement the Newborn Screening
11 Program. The rules shall include, but shall not be limited to, the conditions for which screening
12 shall be required, provided that screening shall not be required when the parents or the guardian
13 of the infant object to such screening. If the parents or guardian object to the screening, the
14 objection shall be presented in writing to the physician or other person responsible for
15 administering the test, who shall place the written objection in the infant's medical record.

16 (b1) ~~The Commission for Public Health~~ shall adopt temporary and permanent rules to
17 include newborn hearing screening and pulse oximetry screening in the Newborn Screening
18 Program established under this section.

19 (b2) The Commission's rules for pulse oximetry screening shall address at least all of the
20 following:

21 (1) Follow-up protocols to ensure early treatment for newborn infants diagnosed
22 with a congenital heart defect, including by means of telemedicine. As used
23 in this subsection, "telemedicine" is the use of two-way, real-time interactive
24 audio and video between places of lesser and greater medical capability or
25 expertise to provide and support health care when distance separates
26 participants who are in different geographical locations.

27 (2) A system for tracking both the process and outcomes of newborn screening
28 utilizing pulse oximetry, with linkage to the Birth Defects Monitoring
29 Program established pursuant to G.S. 130A-131.16.

30 (c) A fee of nineteen dollars (\$19.00) applies to a laboratory test performed by the State
31 Laboratory of Public Health pursuant to this section. The fee for a laboratory test is a
32 departmental receipt of the Department and shall be used to offset the cost of the Newborn
33 Screening Program."

34 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.