

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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To Whom It May Concern:

Children's Medical Services, a division of the Florida Department of Health, administers the Newborn Screening Program, which includes hearing and metabolic screening. Newborn screening activities are a public health function and the Newborn Screening Program has public health authority to obtain patient information as defined by the HIPAA Standards for Privacy of Individually identifiable Health Information.

Per Privacy Rule 45 CFR 164.512(b), health care providers may disclose, without individual authorization, protected health information (PHI) to public health authorities such as the Newborn Screening Program.

Additional information on newborn screening Florida Statutes (383.14 and 383.145) can be found at: <http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes>.

Additional Information, provided by Department of Health and Human Services and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is available at:
<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/su5201a1.htm>.

If you have questions or concerns about this reporting requirement, please contact Lois Taylor at (850) 245-4200.

Sincerely,

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