

AMEND HOUSE BILL 9 (2014)



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AMENDMENT: (28) by means of an echo cardiogram & EKG

- IF a newborn has a family history of congenital heart disease
- OR IF either parent answers YES to even one of the AAP Heart Screen Questions (SEE postcard)

SAVING NM FAMILIES

This amendment would have a huge impact by offering another vital step in diagnosing CHDs earlier in life, improving outcomes and giving New Mexico families the care and support they need. It's been proven that early diagnosis significantly improves the neurodevelopment & physical outcomes for newborns with CHD.

WHY

CHD is the #1 newborn defect in the world & most neglected

More children will die from a CHD than all forms of childhood cancer combined

1/3 of newborns with a CHD leave the hospital without being diagnosed

Undetected cases incur almost 3x the cost due to complications and ongoing care.

Early detection reduces long-term healthcare costs significantly.

•Cost of an echocardiogram & EKG \$500 to \$3000

•Cost of living with undetected CHD - \$150,000 to \$500,000

Adequate Heart Screens for Newborns:

- Prenatal Ultrasound
- CCHD Newborn Screen
- Echo cardiogram & EKG

An echo cardiogram & EKG will give parents another opportunity to screen their newborn for CHD.