

# **Rider 37 Study Report Updates**

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## **Goal**

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The 2017-18 General Appropriations Act, S.B. 1, 85<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, 2017 (Article II, Department of State Health Services, Rider 37) requires the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to study the most effective way to bill private insurers for newborn screening kits. The study must include the feasibility of requiring DSHS to bill private insurers for the cost of newborn screening kits and of requiring private insurers to automatically update their payment rates for the cost of newborn screening kits based on panel changes.

## Timeline

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- Create outline for the report – 10/6/2017
- Assign SMEs to write report sections – 10/19/2017
- Survey/interview other states, private insurers, healthcare providers, and other stakeholders
- Kick-off meeting – 2/26/2018
- Develop report drafts
- Stakeholder meeting – 7/12/2018
- Submit final draft of report for review/approval – August 2018
- Submit final report to LBB, Senate Finance Committee, House Appropriations Committee, House Public Health Committee, and Senate Health and Human Services Committee as required – 10/1/2018

## Stakeholder Meeting Agenda

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- Welcome and Rider 37 Overview
- Laboratory Budget Overview
- Laboratory Billing Process Overview
- Newborn Screening Data Gathering and Survey Results
- Newborn Screening Billing Models from Other States
- Comment Period

## Newborn Screening Data Gathering and Survey Results

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- Stakeholder survey – Private Insurer
- Stakeholder survey – Healthcare Provider
- Information from NBS Programs that currently bill private insurers directly
- Discuss approaches to update private insurers' payment rates for NBS

## Newborn Screening Billing Models from Other States

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- Information and data associated with NBS fee
  - Newborn Screening Technical assistance and Evaluation Program (NewSTEPS) state profiles data
  - NewSTEPS Community Discussion via APHL Collaborate platform
  - Baby's First Test web site
  - Personal contact with other state newborn screening managers
- Examples of newborn screening billing models

## Report Outline

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- Types of NBS Reimbursement and Billing Structures in U.S.
- Current Fees, Billing Processes, and Reimbursement Mechanism for NBS Kits in TX (including successes and challenges)
- Experience from NBS Programs Implemented Direct Insurance/patient Billing (including Pros and Cons)
- Feasibility of Direct Insurance Billing in TX Newborn Screening (including costs and other considerations)
- Current Requirements and Processes to establish and update NBS payment rates by private insurers
- Approaches to automatically update private insurers' payment rates for NBS
- Recommendations and Considerations on the best practices of NBS Billing in Texas

**Thank you**