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Attention: People Interested in Newborn Screening-related Issues

The Newborn Screening Advisory Committee (committee), created by [Texas Health and Safety Code, Section 33.017](#), addresses strategic planning, policy, rules, and services related to newborn screening and additional newborn screening tests for each disorder included in the list described by Texas Health and Safety Code, Section [33.011 \(a-1\)](#) and reviews the necessity of requiring newborn screening tests, including assessment of implementation costs in Texas. The committee must seek input from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), birthing facilities, and other health care providers on these issues and produce recommendations to the DSHS on how to improve the Texas newborn screening program.

DSHS is currently accepting applications for membership on the committee for the following positions:

Person with sickle cell disease or trait or with a family member affected by a condition Applicants:

- Person with a family member affected by a condition for which newborn screening is or may be required; and
- Person with sickle cell disease or trait or a person who has a family member with sickle cell disease or trait.

Professional Applicants:

- Physician licensed to practice medicine in Texas,
- Physician specializing in neonatal-perinatal medicine who is licensed to practice medicine in Texas,
- Hospital representative,
- Health care provider involved in the delivery of newborn screening services, follow-up, or treatment in Texas, and
- Health care provider who is who is involved in the delivery of services, follow-up, or treatment of sickle cell disease or trait in Texas.

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The DSHS Commissioner will appoint committee members to serve a three-year term or complete the term of a current vacancy.

Members must regularly participate in meetings and may be asked to participate in subcommittee meetings, projects, and presentations. DSHS will host committee meetings in Austin at least three times a year or at the call of the presiding officer. These meetings may be held through video conference call. Members may receive travel expense reimbursement for participation on the committee to the extent permitted by the current state budget and Texas Health and Human Services Commission Travel Policy.

If you want to apply to serve on the committee, please complete and return the attached application by email, mail, or fax for receipt no later than **July 27, 2024**. You may also submit letters of recommendation, résumé, curriculum vitae, certifications, or other supporting documents, if desired.

Email

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DSHS will notify applicants if they have been selected to serve as a member of the committee once the solicitation process is complete.

In selecting members to serve on the committee, DSHS considers the applicants' qualifications, background and interest in serving on the committee. DSHS also tries to choose committee members who, as a whole, represent the diversity of all Texans. For that reason, DSHS considers

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applicants' ethnicity, gender and geographic location. The agency does not discriminate against applicants and members of the Department of State Health Services advisory committees on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, religion, age or sex.

For more information, contact Aimee Millangue at NewbornAdvisory@dshs.texas.gov.