

CMV Conference 2014

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Utah's CMV Public Health Initiative

Legislative and Public Health Panel





1. Directs the Department of Health to create a public education program to inform pregnant women and women who may become pregnant about the occurrence of CMV, the transmission of CMV, the birth defects that CMV can cause, methods of diagnosis, and available preventative measures

- 2. Requires the Department of Health to provide this information to:
 - Licensed child care programs and their employees
 - Health care facilities
 - Child care programs
 - School nurses
 - Health educators
 - Health care providers offering care to

- 3. Directs medical practitioners to test infants, who fail the newborn hearing screening test(s), for CMV and inform the parents of those infants about the possible birth defects that CMV can cause and the available treatment methods
- 4. Directs the Department of Health to notify medical practitioners of the CMV testing requirements

Funding for H.B. 81



♦ One-time funds Ongoing funds Requires Coordination between the Department of Health and the Legislature

H.B. 81 – Essential Partners

- Department of Health
- Medical Professionals
 - CMV Researchers
 - OB/GYNs; Pediatricians; Audiologists
- Higher Education
- National Center
- Legislature
- Parents



Introductions.

Describe your role in the proposal, passing and implementation of Utah's CMV Public Health Law. Any reflections on the legislative process and your participation?

What factors led to the unanimous passing of Utah's CMV legislation??

What barriers did the law encounter? How were they overcome?

What are the strengths of Utah's CMV legislation? If you could improve it, how would you?

How has implementation of the law impacted your work?

