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Congenital Heart Disease Screening For Newborns

Senate Bill 230, also known as Chloe's Law, was passed by the 97th General Assembly and became law on August 28, 2013. This law makes it mandatory for all Missouri newborns to have a pulse oximetry test following birth before they are discharged. The test is non-invasive and detects the most serious heart defects.

Every newborn delivered on or after January 1, 2014 in an ambulatory surgical center, birthing center, hospital, or home must be screened for critical congenital heart disease with pulse oximetry or other manner as determined by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) in accordance with the American Academy of Pediatrics and American Heart Association guidelines. Screening must occur before discharge if delivery occurs in a facility. If the delivery is in a home, the individual performing the delivery shall perform the screening within forty-eight (48) hours of the birth.

Screening results must be reported to the parents or guardians of the newborn and to DHSS. Facilities or individuals performing the screening shall develop and implement a plan to ensure newborns with positive screens receive appropriate referral for treatment as indicated. Parents or guardians of the newborn that object to the screening on grounds that it conflicts with his or her religious tenets or practices may request in writing that the screening not be administered. A refusal of screening must be reported to DHSS.

No additional reimbursement is made by MO HealthNet for the screening, as it is considered included in the reimbursement for the delivery.

As stated in Senate Bill 230, DHSS may provide assistance in developing and implementing the screening protocol, developing and distributing educational materials for families, and implementing reporting requirements.

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MO HealthNet Managed Care: The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- Services not included in MO HealthNet Managed Care

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the MO HealthNet card or by calling the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-751-2896 and using Option One for the red or white card.

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573-751-2896**