

Vitamin K Amendments
2026 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Jen Plumb
House Sponsor:

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses the administration of vitamin K for newborn infants.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- requires a health care provider and unlicensed direct-entry midwife to administer vitamin K to a newborn infant;
- provides a procedure for a parent to decline administration of vitamin K; and
- defines terms.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

26B-4-327, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **26B-4-327** is enacted to read:

26B-4-327 . Vitamin K newborn administration.

(1) As used in this section:

- (a) "Health care provider" means the same as that term is defined in Section 78B-3-403.
- (b) "Unlicensed direct-entry midwife" means a direct-entry midwife that is not licensed under Title 58, Chapter 77, Direct-Entry Midwife Act.

(2) A health care provider or unlicensed direct-entry midwife that provides care to a mother during the birth of a child shall:

- (a) directly administer vitamin K to a newborn infant within 24 hours after the birth; or
- (b) direct an individual that is legally authorized to administer the vitamin K to a

31 newborn to do so within 24 hours after the birth.

32 (3) A parent may decline to consent to the administration of vitamin K described in
33 Subsection (2) if:

34 (a) the health care provider or unlicensed direct-entry midwife provides a full and clear
35 explanation of:

36 (i) the reason for vitamin K administration; and

37 (ii) the risks of possible adverse health outcomes for a newborn that does not receive
38 vitamin K; and

39 (b) the parent signs a form acknowledging that the parent understands the reason for
40 vitamin K administration and the risks of possible adverse health outcomes.

41 (4) The form described in Subsection (3)(b) shall be part of the newborn infant's medical
42 record.

43 **Section 2. Effective Date.**

44 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.