

Jen Plumb proposes the following substitute bill:

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 process 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 provide a full and clear explanation of the reason for vitamin K administration and the risks of possible adverse health outcomes for a

newborn that does not receive vitamin K and, except as described in Subsection (3):

(a) directly administer vitamin K to a newborn infant within 24 hours after the birth; or

(b) arrange for an individual that is legally authorized to administer the vitamin K to a newborn to do so within 24 hours after the birth.

(3) A parent may decline to consent to the administration of vitamin K described in Subsection (2) if the parent signs a form acknowledging that the parent understands the reason for vitamin K administration and the risks of possible adverse health outcomes.

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

Section 2. **Effective Date.**

This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.