

1 **SEPSIS PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS**

2 2020 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Karen Mayne**

5 House Sponsor: Stewart E. Barlow

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill authorizes hospitals to develop sepsis protocol requirements.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This bill:

- 12 ▶ defines terms;
- 13 ▶ authorizes hospitals to develop sepsis protocols; and
- 14 ▶ provides guidance on factors the protocols should include.

15 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

16 None

17 **Other Special Clauses:**

18 None

19 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

20 ENACTS:

21 **26-21c-101**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

22 **26-21c-102**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

23 **26-21c-103**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

24 **26-21c-104**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

27 Section 1. Section **26-21c-101** is enacted to read:

28 **CHAPTER 21c. SEPSIS PROTOCOLS**

29 **26-21c-101. Title.**

30 This chapter is known as "Sepsis Protocols."

31 Section 2. Section **26-21c-102** is enacted to read:

32 **26-21c-102. Definitions.**

33 As used in this chapter:

34 (1) "Hospital" means a general acute hospital as defined in Section [26-21-2](#).

35 (2) "Sepsis" means a life-threatening complication of an infection.

36 Section 3. Section **26-21c-103** is enacted to read:

37 **26-21c-103. Protocols.**

38 (1) Hospitals may develop protocols for the treatment of sepsis and septic shock that
39 are consistent with current evidence-based guidelines for the treatment of severe sepsis and
40 septic shock.

41 (2) When developing the protocols described in Subsection (1), a hospital shall
42 consider:

43 (a) a process for screening and recognizing patients with sepsis;

44 (b) a process to screen out individuals for whom the protocols would not be
45 appropriate for treating sepsis;

46 (c) timeline goals for treating sepsis;

47 (d) different possible methods for treating sepsis and reasons to use each method;

48 (e) specific protocols to treat children who present with symptoms of sepsis or septic
49 shock; and

50 (f) training requirements for staff.

51 (3) A hospital may update the hospital's sepsis protocols as new data on the treatment
52 of sepsis and septic shock becomes available.

53 Section 4. Section **26-21c-104** is enacted to read:

54 **26-21c-104. Presenting protocols upon inspection.**

55 The department, or an entity assigned by the department to inspect a hospital, may

56 request a copy of the sepsis protocols described in Section [26-21c-103](#) when inspecting a
57 hospital.