

FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES AMENDMENTS

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Luz Escamilla

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill enacts provisions related to child and maternal health services.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ requires the department to inform individuals about child and maternal health

services offered by state agencies; and

- ▶ allows a state agency to share an individual's information to facilitate access to child and maternal health services if certain circumstances are met.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

26B-7-122, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **26B-7-122** is enacted to read:

26B-7-122. Child and maternal health services -- Information sharing within state



28 **agencies.**

29 (1) As used in this section:

30 (a) "Evidence-based early childhood home visiting services" means early childhood
31 services delivered using a service delivery model that meets the United States Department of
32 Health and Human Services criteria for an evidence-based early childhood home visiting
33 service delivery model.

34 (b) "Recipient" means an individual who receives child health services or maternal
35 health services, or a parent if the individual is a minor, from the department that is directly or
36 indirectly provided by the department.

37 (c) "Universal consent form" means a form described in Subsection (4).

38 (2) The department shall ensure that a recipient is informed of any services offered by a
39 state agency that the recipient may be eligible for, including evidence-based early childhood
40 home visiting services offered by the Division of Family Health.

41 (3) Subject to appropriation, the department shall develop a process that will allow the
42 department to follow up directly or indirectly with a recipient to determine the degree to which
43 the recipient's needs have been addressed by services provided by the department.

44 (4) (a) The department shall develop a universal consent form that complies with all
45 relevant state and federal laws regarding information sharing for the facilitation of child health
46 services and maternal health services.

47 (b) An individual may complete the universal consent form to authorize a state agency
48 to share the individual's information with another state agency in order to facilitate providing
49 child health services or maternal health services.

50 (c) An individual may:

51 (i) limit which state agencies receive the individual's information; and

52 (ii) revoke the individual's consent for sharing the information at any time.

53 (d) A state agency, including a local education agency, shall:

54 (i) accept the form if the state agency offers child health services or maternal health
55 services; and

56 (ii) share the individual's information with another state agency that offers child health
57 services or maternal health services in accordance with the individual's direction.

58 **Section 2. Effective date.**

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This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.