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Newborn Screening fee changes

For midwives only

The Newborn Screening law (RCW 70.83.020) was amended during the 2014 legislative session.

1. The law is expanded to require newborn screening for all babies born in any setting in Washington State, including out-of-hospital births.
2. Each hospital or health care provider attending an out-of-hospital birth is required to collect the newborn screening specimen no later than 48 hours following birth.
3. This initial blood specimen must be received by the Newborn Screening Laboratory within 72 hours of collection (excluding Sundays and Thanksgiving).
4. For all babies requiring further diagnostic testing, primary care providers are required to report to Newborn Screening the date they notified the parent/guardian.
5. The Newborn Screening Program will publish an annual report regarding hospitals' compliance in meeting the 72 hour transit and 48 hour specimen collection timelines.

The law goes into effect on June 12, 2014. Please contact the Department of Health at 206-418-5410 if you have questions about how these changes may affect you and your practice. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in saving babies!

Your input wanted for Birth Assistant survey!

For midwives only, please

The following update and request for survey participation was posted by MAC member Sunita Iyer ND, LM, CPM. Your input is needed. Read below for more information.

The topic of our Birth Assistants has been a regular occurrence at our quarterly MAC meetings for nearly 2 years. Many of us have been using Birth Assistants for years and many of us have evolved into it more recently. There has been enough momentum over the years that Birth Assistants are emerging as their own profession. At the same time, this relationship between midwives and unregulated professionals has also arrived on the radar of the DOH. Although the complaints and events are very, very rare, the recommendation is that we find ways to safeguard this profession and midwives' reliance upon birth assistants.

The topic arose again this past week at our MAC meeting. As the chair of the committee, I did agree to do some reconnaissance via an anonymous survey to find out what midwives would like to see happen going forward.

The survey link is posted below and the Medical Assistant document referenced will be attached. The survey is open now and will stay open for the summer as our next MAC meeting is not until September 10th.

This is anonymous and any information you provide will not and cannot be used in any way, shape, or form against you. This is strictly for information gathering purposes. Please feel free to share this with any WA-based midwives.

Thank you!

Dr. Sunita Iyer ND, LM
Eastside Natural Medicine

[Please click here to be redirected to the survey](#)

[Medical Assistant Handout](#)

Maternal-Child Health Conference 2014

A Conference for Perinatal Professionals
September 30th - October 2nd, 2014 Indianapolis, IN

These one-day seminars and the two-day conference feature top professionals in the perinatal field. Aimed at the experienced perinatal professional, including: nurses, childbirth educators, lactation consultants, doulas, midwives, and more; this event offers different levels of clinical skills, trending information, and so much more.

There will be two full days that will connect you with some of the best in the maternal-child health field as well as give you a chance to network and meet colleagues from all aspects of perinatal work.

Choose from over 40+ CERP approved sessions! The conference has also applied for CNE, ACNM, and MEAC credits.

The event starts on **September 30, 2014** with two one-day seminars on community health as well as traumatic birth. The two-day conference follows on **October 1-2, 2014** with an all-star speaker lineup with multiple strands including infant mortality, traumatic birth, breastfeeding, and more.

For more information or to register for this conference please visit the [MCH2014 website](#).

Free Webinar for Midwives from the Department of Health

The Department of Health is pleased to offer a free webinar for midwives: Vaccine Recommendations During Pregnancy. Please join Dr. Linda Eckert, MD, OB/GYN, for this important webinar on **July 31st from 11 am - 12 pm**.

For more information, please go to this link:

www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/Immunization.aspx

Pregnant in Seattle or know someone who is? Got time for a free massage?

Two sessions to choose from:

Saturday, August 9 in Kenmore - Click on time below for information and to register

Group A 8:45 AM-10:15 AM or
Group B 10:30 AM-12:00 PM (waiting list only!)

Massages will be performed at:

SIMKIN CENTER AT BASTYR UNIVERSITY
14500 JUANITA DRIVE NE
KENMORE, WA 98028
P 425-602-3378
simkincenter.bastyr.edu

Infant Massage Educator Certification Training

Friday - Monday, August 1-4, 2014 in Kenmore, WA
9am-5pm \$669

Take your first steps toward becoming a Certified Educator of Infant Massage (CEIM) approved by Infant Massage USA (IMUSA) and the International Association for Infant Massage (IAIM, Sweden). Educators of infant massage lead group and private classes for parents & caregivers in how to massage their babies and children.

You'll learn:

- Infant behavioral states, cues and reflexes
- Teaching skills and teaching the clinical benefits
- How parents/caregivers with their babies are best taught infant massage in your classroom
- Basics of Bonding and attachment
- Communication skills
- How to Demonstrate strokes and gentle activities
- Group facilitation skills
- Touch Approaches for the growing child
- Adaptations for Special situations and unique needs
- Touch and massage research
- How to Promote your services
- History of infant massage and the IAIM

Trainers, educators & students use dolls to practice and demonstrate strokes. This is not a hands-on-baby course. Practicum includes live parents and caregivers with their babies, in which students observe and practice teaching with excellent supervision and opportunity for evaluation. An open book, take home exam is also included.

Audience: This International Association of Infant Massage approved certification workshop is designed for students 18 years or older who want to promote nurturing touch and communication between parents, families, caregivers and their infants and children. Because this is not a hands-on baby course, students do not need to be licensed to touch.

Click [here](#) for info on Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for nurses, massage and occupational therapists, doulas, and others.

Register Now

Instructor:

JoAnn Lewis is a Licensed Massage Therapist, Certified Educator of Infant Massage (CEIM) and Trainer with over sixteen years' experience teaching infant massage all over North America. She became an

International Association of Infant Massage (IAIM) trainer in 2004 and has been mentored by infant massage trainers from Sweden, England and Canada. She also teaches other massage therapy courses. JoAnn resides in Ashland, OR.

Idaho Midwifery Council Annual Conference

October 3-5 2014, Post Falls, Idaho

This year the conference theme is, "Beyond the Sunset", and is all about building bridges between the midwifery and the medical community.

The key note speaker is Dr. Scott Snyder, Neonatologist of Boise, Idaho. He's talking on 42 weeks gestation, pulse oximetry, meconium aspiration and GBS.

Other speakers include, Dr. Hussein talking about "Posterior Tongue and Lip Ties", Dr. Nathan Meltzer on "Bridging our Midwifery and Medical Communities" and "What Lab Work is Really Needed?", and the Penwell family (Rose, Ian and Vicki Penwell) presenting "Clearly Defining Midwifery Behavior During Normal Birth and When Vital Signs Deviate".

The conference will be held at:
Ross Point Camp and Conference Center
820 S. Ross Point Rd.
Post Falls, Id. 83854

For more information and to register, visit the IMC website:
www.idahomidwives.org