## District of Columbia

### Newborn Genetic Testing & Surveillance System

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<td>Title 7, Subtitle B, Chapter 8A</td>
<td>§7-833 Neonatal testing for metabolic disorders. (a) Each hospital and maternity center in the District of Columbia shall make available to every newborn delivered or cared for at that hospital or maternity center blood tests to screen for galactosemia, homocystinuria, hypothyroidism, maple syrup urine disease, PKU, and sickle hemoglobinopathy.</td>
<td>§ 7-834. Principles governing newborn screening. (3) Participation of persons in metabolic disorder programs in the District of Columbia should be wholly voluntary, and that all information obtained from persons involved in metabolic disorder programs in the District of Columbia should be held strictly confidential, except as provided for in subparagraph (D) of § 7-834. Principles governing newborn screening. (3)...D. Except for statistical data compiled without reference to the identity of any individual, all information obtained from any individual or from</td>
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Each hospital and maternity center shall inform the parent(s) of the availability of these tests and shall, unless parental consent is withheld under § 7-834(3) or an identical test has already been performed, take appropriate blood samples for analysis by a laboratory designated pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

this paragraph; and that in carrying out the mandate of this paragraph the Mayor shall further insure that:

A. No test be performed on any newborn over the objections of his or her parent and that no test be performed unless such parent is fully informed of the purpose of testing for metabolic disorders, and is given a reasonable opportunity to object to such testing;

specimens from any newborn shall be held confidential and be considered a confidential medical record except for such information as the parent consents to be released. The parent must be informed of the scope of the information requested to be released and the purpose for releasing such information, prior to the
|                          |                          | B. No program requires mandatory participation, or restriction of childbearing, or be a prerequisite to eligibility for, or receipt of, any other service or assistance from or to participation in any other program; | release of any confidential information. |

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C. All participants in programs on metabolic disorders be protected from undue physical or mental harm, be informed of the nature of risks involved in participation in such a program or project, be informed of the nature and cost of available therapies or maintenance programs for those affected by metabolic disorders, and be informed of the possible benefits and risks of such therapies and programs; and…