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It's a new day for Baby DNA. As of today, parent consent is required before newborn DNA can be used for federally-funded research. Last December, President Obama signed parent consent into law. U.S. Senator Rand Paul was the author of our amendment and he didn’t let the Newborn Screening bill pass until we’d negotiated the amendment as far as we could.

The new law protects millions of children nationwide but it unfortunately doesn’t require consent for state storage of baby DNA or state-funded research. And consent lasts only until a new federal research rule is finalized, but we will work to make sure Congress’ protective language becomes part of the rule.

The Newborn Screening Saves Lives Reauthorization Act of 2014, signed into law on December 18, 2014.

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