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**States Seek Legal Wiggleroom on Parent Consent Law**

Last week, I attended a 2-day conference in Washington, D.C. where state officials discussed how to deal with the parental consent amendment we got added to last’s year’s federal newborn screening law. The new law requires parental consent for federally-funded research using newborn blood taken from the heel at birth for newborn screening.

Many states keep the blood, viewing it as a rich resource for DNA. Parental consent for storage and use is not typically required. Given that the new law only requires consent for federally-funded research, it was disturbing to see officials discuss possible ways to define the word “federally-funded” and the word “research.” They were looking for legal wiggleroom.

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