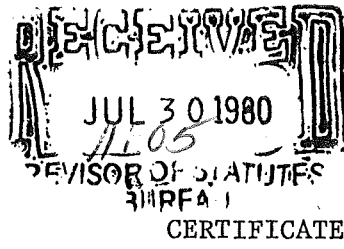


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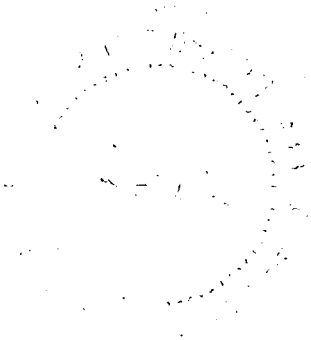
STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) SS
DEPT. OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES)

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, Donald E. Percy, Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Services and custodian of the official records of said department do hereby certify that the annexed rules relating to the use of Silver Nitrate for gonococcal ophthalmia in newborns were duly approved and adopted by this department on July 30, 1980.

I further certify that said copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this department and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the department at the State Office Building, 1 W. Wilson St., in the city of Madison, this 30th day of July, A.D. 1980.



Donald E. Percy, Secretary
Department of Health and Social Services

SEAL:

Tent. eff. date 10-1-80

ORDER OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
AMENDING A RULE

Relating to alternates in the use of Silver Nitrate for gonococcal ophthalmia in newborns.

ANALYSIS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

The Department of Health and Social Services proposes that promulgation of a rule be undertaken to provide physicians and midwives with more than one effective regimen for prophylaxis of neonatal gonococcal ophthalmia in Wisconsin.

In 1979, the National Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia, a national as well as international authority on sexually transmitted diseases, revised their recommendations for the prevention of gonococcal ophthalmia in a newborn child to include not only silver nitrate, but also tetracycline and erythromycin ointment or drops.

By providing the attending physician or midwife with a choice of antibiotics for the prevention of gonococcal ophthalmia, they may more effectively meet the medical epidemiological, and philosophical needs of parents, newborns, and the community.

Pursuant to authority vested in the Department of Health and Social Services by s. 143.02(4), Stats., the Department of Health and Social Services is amending a rule interpreting ss. 143.01 and 143.02, stats., as follows:

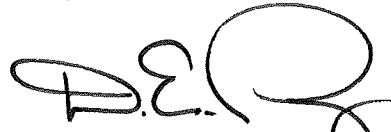
SECTION H45.25(4) Wisconsin Administrative Code is amended to read:

H45.25(4) Prevention. The attending physician or midwife is required to place 2 drops of a one percent solution of silver nitrate, or 2 drops of a one percent ophthalmic solution of tetracycline or erythromycin, or a one centimeter strip of a one percent ophthalmic ointment of tetracycline or erythromycin, in each eye of a newborn child immediately as soon as possible, but not later than one hour after delivery. No more than one newborn child shall be treated from an individual container. Failure to observe this requirement is punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (s. 146.02, stats.).

The rules contained in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following its publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register as provided in section 227.026(1), stats.

Dated:

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND SOCIAL SERVICES

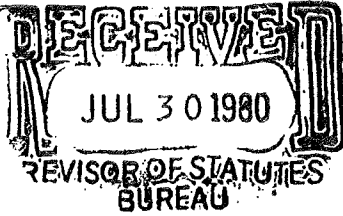


SEAL:

DONALD E. PERCY, SECRETARY



State of Wisconsin \ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES



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MADISON, WISCONSIN 53702

July 30, 1980

Mr. Orlan Prestegard
Revisor of Statutes
411 West, State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Dear Mr. Prestegard:

As provided in section 227.023, Wis. Stats., there is hereby submitted a certified copy of H 45.25(4) relating to the use of Silver Nitrate for gonococcal ophthalmia in newborns.

This rule is being submitted to the Secretary of State as required by section 227.023, Wis. Stats.

Sincerely,

Donald E. Percy
SECRETARY

Enclosure