



State of Wisconsin  
**Department of Health Services**

Tony Evers, Governor  
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**TO:** Senator Rachael Cabral-Guevara, Chair, Senate Committee on Health

Representative Clint P. Moses, Chair, Assembly Committee on Health,  
Aging, and Long-Term Care

**FROM:** Arielle Exner, Deputy Legislative Director, Department of Health  
Services

**DATE:** April 18, 2025

**RE:** Modifications to Clearinghouse Rule CR 24-025, affecting ch. DHS 115 and relating to screening of newborns for congenital disorders

Dear Senator Cabral-Guevara and Representative Moses:

In accordance with s. 227.19 (4) (b) 2., Stats., a majority of each of your committees voted to request that Department of Health Services make modifications to Clearinghouse Rule CR 24-025. On March 21, 2025, the Department agreed, in writing, to consider making modifications to the proposed rule. Attached is a proposed rule order (PRO) with the following modifications:

1. In Section 6. of the PRO, removing all language regarding biennial adjustments of fees based on the Medicare economic index. The modified rule proposes to strike "\$109" and replace it with "\$223" in s. DHS 115.055.
2. Removing Section 7., which proposed to define "Medicare economic index" from the proposed rule entirely.

Furthermore, committee members raised additional questions about the Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene's (WSLH) costs for state fiscal year 2024, testing it performed for other states, and how parents can opt out of newborn screening. The WSLH's responses to those questions are also attached in a letter dated April 16, 2025.

Please contact me at [arieller.exner@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:arieller.exner@dhs.wisconsin.gov) or 608-622-3917 if you have any questions regarding these materials.

Sincerely,

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