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AGENCY: DHHR - Bureau for Public Health TITLE NUMBER: 64

CITE AUTHORITY: §§16-1-4 and 16-4E-4.

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES  NO


IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: \_\_\_\_\_

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: 97

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: MATERNAL RISK SCREENING

THE ABOVE PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE RULES, FOLLOWING REVIEW BY THE LEGISLATIVE RULE MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE, IS HEREBY MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF REVIEW AND COMMENT BY THE LEGISLATIVE RULE MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE. THE ATTACHED MODIFICATIONS ARE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

  
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BUREAU FOR PUBLIC HEALTH  
  
SERIES 97  
MATERNAL RISK SCREENING**

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**§64-97-1. General.**

1.1. Scope -- This rule further implements the Uniform Maternal Screening Act by setting forth responsibilities of the advisory council created in the Act; developing and establishing the requirement for health care practitioners to use a uniform maternal risk screening tool; and providing for the confidentiality of the tool. This rule should be read in conjunction with WV Code §16-4E-1, et seq. The WV Code is available in public libraries and on the Legislature's web page, <http://www.legis.state.wv.us/>.

1.2. Authority -- WV Code §§16-1-4 and 16-4E-4.

1.3. Filing Date --

1.4. Effective Date --

**§64-97-2. Application.**

2.1. Application -- This rule applies to all health care providers offering maternity services.

2.2. Enforcement -- This rule is enforced by the Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health in the Bureau for Public Health.

**§64-97-3. Definitions.**

3.1. Maternal Risk Screening - Screening conducted by physicians, midwives and other qualified health care practitioners to discover at-risk and high-risk pregnancies.

3.2. Maternal Risk Screening Advisory Council - A multidisciplinary group of professionals including representatives from public health and the medical community all with an interest in improving pregnancy outcomes.

**§64-97-4. Responsibilities of Maternal Risk Screening Advisory Council.**

4.1. The Maternal Risk Screening Advisory Council shall:

4.1.a. Meet at least annually;

4.1.b. Offer expert advice to the Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health to gain a better understanding of at-risk and high-risk conditions that are most frequently observed in pregnant women and to develop methodology to address these concerns;

4.1.c. Develop a uniform maternal risk screening tool to identify risk conditions that contribute to adverse pregnancy outcomes and review the tool at least annually to offer suggested revisions based upon current medical knowledge;

4.1.d. Develop, in conjunction with the Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health, a statistical matrix to measure incidence of high-risk and at-risk pregnancies for planning purposes by public health officials; and

4.1.e. Develop methods to collect evidence based data reported to the Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health needed to track at-risk and high-risk women.

**§64-97-5. Applicability of the Screening Tool.**

5.1. The maternal risk screening tool, developed by the advisory council, may be found online at <http://www.wvdhhr.org/mcfh>. All health care providers offering maternity services shall use this maternal risk screening tool in their initial examination of all pregnant women.

5.2. The health care provider shall notify the woman of any high-risk condition which has been identified along with any appropriate referral.

5.3. The health care provider shall report the results to the Bureau for Public Health, Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health.

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