

WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §16-44-2

§16-44-2. Pulse oximetry screening required; definition; rules.

- (a) The Commissioner of the Bureau for Public Health shall require each birthing facility licensed by the Department of Health to perform a pulse oximetry screening on every newborn in its care, when the baby is twenty-four to forty-eight hours of age, or as late as possible if the baby is to be discharged from the hospital before he or she is twenty-four hours of age.
- (b) As used in this article, "birthing facility" means an inpatient or ambulatory health care facility licensed by the Department of Health that provides birthing and newborn care services.
- (c) The commissioner shall adopt procedural rules and propose legislative rules for legislative approval, in accordance with the provisions of article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code, that are necessary to carry out the purposes of this article.