

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.