RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED. Division of Public Health/Department of Health/State of Alaska. Proposed Regulations, DPH/DOH/SOA, Newborn Bloodspot Screening Fee (7 AAC 80.030); Law File Number 2026200264.

The Department of Health appreciates the comments of Southcentral Foundation (SCF) regarding the proposed updates to the newborn bloodspot screening fee under 7 AAC 80.030.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to meet with SCF clinical and operational representatives to provide additional context regarding the proposed changes and clarify the intent of the revised language. During this discussion, the Department explained that the proposed updates are intended to clarify the fee structure and support the continued operation of Alaska's newborn bloodspot screening program, rather than restrict screening to only the conditions specifically enumerated in 7 AAC 27.510.

The Department values the ability to maintain a comprehensive screening panel that reflects current public health recommendations and the needs of Alaska's newborn population.

Following this discussion, SCF expressed support for the proposed regulatory changes with the additional context provided. The Department appreciates SCF's engagement in the public comment process and its continued partnership in supporting newborn screening services for Alaska families.