

Memorandum

City of Philadelphia

Date: 9/6/05

To: Joanne Godley, MD, MPH, Acting Health Commissioner
From: Jeanne Reedy, Administrative Services Director, Records Dept.
Subject: Proposed Amendments to Regulations Governing the Control of
Communicable and Noncommunicable Diseases and Conditions—
Delivery of a Live Birth

The above Amendments promulgated by the Health Department were received in the Department of Records on 9/6/05 for filing and advertising.
If there are no requests for hearings these Amendments will become effective midnight 10/6/05.

Cc: Joseph Cronauer, Assistant Health Commissioner
Caroline Johnson, MD, Director, Division of Disease Control
Katherine Maus, Director, Division of Maternal, Child and Family Health

**CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER**

MEMORANDUM

September 1, 2005

TO: Joan T. Decker, Commissioner, Department of Records

FROM: Joanne Godley, MD, MPH, Acting Health Commissioner 

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS GOVERNING
THE CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE AND
NONCOMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND CONDITIONS—
DELIVERY OF A LIVE BIRTH**

In accordance with Section 8-407 (a) of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, I am submitting herewith the public hearing documents regarding the proposed "Delivery of a Live Birth" Amendments to the Department of Public Health *Regulations Governing the Control of Communicable and Noncommunicable Diseases and Conditions*.

The following procedural actions have taken place:

Approved by the Board of Health	August 17, 2005
Approved by the Law Department	August 17, 2005

It is requested that attached proposed "Delivery of a Live Birth" Amendments to the Department of Public Health *Regulations Governing the Control of Communicable and Noncommunicable Diseases and Conditions* be filed for final action by the Department of Records.

Should you require any additional information, please contact Joseph Cronauer, Assistant Health Commissioner, at 215-685-5673.

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Attachments

cc: Joseph Cronauer, Assistant Health Commissioner
Caroline Johnson, MD, Director, Division of Disease Control
Katherine Maus, Director, Division of Maternal, Child and Family Health

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COMMISSIONER OF RECORDS
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CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

PASSED:

BOARD OF HEALTH: August 17, 2005
LAW DEPARTMENT: August 17, 2005
RECORDS DEPARTMENT _____

**AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS
GOVERNING THE CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE
AND NONCOMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND CONDITIONS**

WHEREAS, Section 6-201 of the Health Code of Philadelphia authorizes the Board of Health to establish lists of reportable diseases and conditions, and

WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Board of Health has adopted *Regulations Governing the Control of Communicable and Non-communicable Diseases and Conditions* ("Regulations"); and

WHEREAS, The Regulations contain a listing of such diseases and the methods of reporting the occurrence thereof in Sections 2, 3 and 10 of said Regulations; and

WHEREAS, Philadelphia's infant mortality rate is 10.6 per 1,000 live births and the primary cause of infant mortality is infants being born prematurely and/or at low birth weight, and

WHEREAS, early intervention in the lives of infants beings born prematurely and/or at low birth weight can result in improved health outcomes and can reduce infant mortality, and

WHEREAS, the Philadelphia Department of Public Health provides services to promote the healthy growth and development of infants whose birth weight is low or who are delivered prematurely; **NOW, THEREFORE**

The Board of Health hereby amends the *Regulations Governing the Control of Communicable and Non-communicable Diseases and Conditions* to read as follows (additions in **Bold**; deletions in ~~strike through~~):

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COMMISSIONER OF RECORDS
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REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE
AND NONCOMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND CONDITIONS

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2. REPORTABLE DISEASES AND CONDITIONS

The Board declares the following diseases, unusual outbreaks of illness, noncommunicable diseases and conditions, poisonings, and occupational diseases and live births to be reportable:

(a) Diseases, Conditions, Etc.

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() Delivery of a live birth

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10. REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE CONTROL OF THE INFECTED
INDIVIDUALS, CONTACTS, AND ENVIRONMENT FOR EACH REPORTABLE DISEASE

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() Delivery of a live birth

(1) Reporting. Hospitals that provide maternity services shall report, on a daily basis, live births to the Philadelphia Department of Public Health, Division of Maternal, Child and Family Health, by facsimile, electronic transmission or other method established by the Department. Such daily reports shall include name of the infant, infant's birth weight, estimated date of confinement, mother's insurance status (private, Medicaid, other public, or none), mother's birth date, telephone number, address and emergency contact information provided by the mother. Such hospitals shall also provide, within 10 days of delivery, a completed birth record as defined by the law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the Philadelphia Department of Public Health, Division of Maternal, Child and Family Health, by facsimile, electronic transmission or other method established by the Department.

- (2) Isolation. Not applicable.
- (3) Concurrent disinfection. Not applicable.
- (4) Terminal disinfection. Not applicable.
- (5) Quarantine. Not applicable.