

Mission:

To protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts.



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Vision: To be the Healthiest State in the Nation

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Dear Health Care Providers:

The Florida Department of Health, Newborn Screening (NBS) Program, is pleased to announce that beginning January 21, 2025, all newborns screened will be tested for guanidinoacetate methyltransferase (GAMT) deficiency, which is in accordance with section 383.14, Florida Statutes.

It is important all providers become familiar with the screening process and procedures following the identification of a positive GAMT screen, as outlined in the enclosed GAMT fact sheet. These procedures will only apply to GAMT deficiency; no changes will be made to protocols currently practiced for other conditions on the screening panel.

If you have any questions, please contact the Florida NBS Program at 850-245-4201.

Thank you for your continued support of the Florida NBS Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "J. Ladapo", written over a horizontal line.

Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, PhD
State Surgeon General

Enclosure

