

Timeline of Newborn Screening in Washington State

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- 1963 Washington State began voluntary screening for phenylketonuria (PKU)
- 1967 Legislature directed the Department of Health to “promote” screening for PKU
- 1976 State law (Chapter 70.83 RCW) and Washington Administrative Code (Chapter 246-650 WAC) were amended to **require** newborn screening for PKU and “other heritable disorders...as defined by the state board of health.”
- 1977 Mandatory screening for PKU began in May. Mandatory screening for congenital hypothyroidism (CH) began in October
- 1984 Voluntary screening for congenital adrenal hyperplasia (CAH) began as part of a federally funded research project
- 1987 Screening for CAH was added to the mandated panel.
- 1991 Sickle cell disease and other hemoglobinopathies were added to the panel and screening was phased in across the state.
- 2004 Screening for biotinidase deficiency, galactosemia, homocystinuria, maple syrup urine disease, and MCAD Deficiency were phased into panel
- 2006 Screening for cystic fibrosis was added to the mandated newborn panel making a total of ten disorders