

**Senator Luz Escamilla** proposes the following substitute bill:

**FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES AMENDMENTS**

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Luz Escamilla**

House Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill enacts provisions related to child and maternal health services.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ requires the department to inform individuals about child and maternal health services offered by state agencies; and
- ▶ allows a state agency to share an individual's information to facilitate access to child and maternal health services if certain circumstances are met.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**26B-7-122**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*



26 Section 1. Section **26B-7-122** is enacted to read:

27 **26B-7-122. Maternal and child health services -- Information sharing within state**  
28 **agencies.**

29 (1) As used in this section:

30 (a) "Evidence-based early childhood home visiting services" means early childhood  
31 services delivered using a service delivery model that meets the United States Department of  
32 Health and Human Services criteria for an evidence-based early childhood home visiting  
33 service delivery model.

34 (b) "Recipient" means an individual, or the individual's parent if the individual is a  
35 minor, who receives services from the Division of Family Health, including evidence-based  
36 early childhood home visiting services.

37 (c) "Universal consent form" means a form described in Subsection (4).

38 (2) The department shall ensure that a recipient is informed of any services offered by a  
39 state agency that the recipient may be eligible to receive.

40 (3) Subject to appropriation, the department shall develop a process that will allow the  
41 department to follow up directly or indirectly with a recipient to determine the degree to which  
42 the recipient's needs have been addressed by services provided by the department.

43 (4) (a) The department shall develop a universal consent form that complies with all  
44 relevant state and federal laws regarding information sharing for the facilitation of maternal  
45 and child health services.

46 (b) An individual may complete the universal consent form to authorize a state agency  
47 to share the individual's information with another state agency in order to facilitate providing  
48 maternal and child health services.

49 (c) An individual may:

50 (i) limit which state agencies receive the individual's information; and

51 (ii) revoke the individual's consent for sharing the information at any time.

52 (d) A state agency, including a local education agency, shall:

53 (i) accept the form if the state agency offers maternal and child health services; and

54 (ii) share the individual's information with another state agency that offers maternal  
55 and child health services in accordance with the individual's direction.

56 Section 2. **Effective date.**

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This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.