

1 AN ACT concerning health.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Public Health Powers and
5 Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is
6 amended by adding Section 2310-342 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-342 new)

8 Sec. 2310-342. Umbilical cord blood donations.

9 (a) Subject to appropriations for that purpose, the
10 Department of Public Health shall, by January 1, 2007, prepare
11 and distribute to health and maternal care providers written
12 publications that include the following information:

13 (1) The medical processes involved in the collection of
14 umbilical cord blood.

15 (2) The medical risks to a mother and her newborn child
16 of umbilical cord blood collection.

17 (3) The current and potential future medical uses and
18 benefits of umbilical cord blood collection to a mother,
19 her newborn child, and her biological family.

20 (4) The current and potential future medical uses and
21 benefits of umbilical cord blood collection to persons who
22 are not biologically related to a mother or her newborn
23 child.

24 (5) Any costs that may be incurred by a pregnant woman
25 who chooses to make an umbilical cord blood donation.

26 (6) Options for ownership and future use of the donated
27 material.

28 (7) The availability in Illinois of umbilical cord
29 blood donations.

30 (b) In developing the publications required under
31 subsection (a), the Department of Public Health shall consult
32 with an organization of physicians licensed to practice

1 medicine in all its branches and consumer groups. The
2 Department shall update the publications every 2 years.

3 Section 10. The Hospital Licensing Act is amended by
4 changing Section 6.21 as follows:

5 (210 ILCS 85/6.21)

6 Sec. 6.21. Umbilical cord blood donation.

7 (a) All licensed hospitals shall offer a pregnant patient
8 the option to donate, to a publicly accessible certified cord
9 blood bank, blood extracted from the umbilical cord following
10 the delivery of a newborn child if the donation can be made at
11 no expense to the patient or hospital for collection or
12 storage.

13 (b) Nothing in this Section obligates a hospital to collect
14 umbilical cord blood if, in the professional judgment of a
15 physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches or
16 a nurse, the collection would threaten the health of the mother
17 or child.

18 (c) Nothing in this Section imposes a requirement upon any
19 hospital employee, physician, nurse, or hospital that is
20 directly affiliated with a bona fide religious denomination
21 that includes as an integral part of its beliefs and practices
22 the tenet that blood transfer is contrary to the moral
23 principles the denomination considers to be an essential part
24 of its beliefs.

25 (d) Subject to appropriations for that purpose, the
26 Department of Public Health shall make the maximization of
27 umbilical cord blood donations a public health goal. All
28 licensed hospitals and birthing centers shall cooperate with
29 the Department of Public Health in implementing this goal of
30 increasing donations of umbilical cord blood.

31 (Source: P.A. 93-143, eff. 1-1-04.)

32 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
33 becoming law.