

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.