Newborn Screening Contingency Plan (CONPLAN) Update
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Newborn Screening Contingency Plan

Purpose:

- Review Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act
- Discuss progress to date on developing contingency plan
Newborn Screening CONPLAN
Background

- Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act of 2008
  - collect and transport specimens;
  - ship specimens to State newborn screening laboratories;
  - process specimens;
  - report screening results to physicians and families;
  - provide diagnostic confirmation of positive screening results;
  - ensure the availability of treatment and management resources;
  - educating families about newborn screening; and
  - carry out other activities determined appropriate by the Secretary.

- The Plan will address newborn screening for use by a State, region, or consortia of States in the event of a public health emergency.
Background on National Contingency Plans

• Contingency Plans are usually created at the department level

  Examples:
  1. National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan
  2. National Marine Sanctuaries Contingency Plan

[Rarely are contingency plans created at the operational division (OP/DIV) level]

• Congress directed CDC to develop this plan in consultation with HRSA and State Health Departments
What is a Contingency Plan? (CONPLAN)

• An Operational plan devised for a specific situation when “things go wrong”
• A CONPLAN typically includes:
  ▪ Specific strategies and actions to deal with specific variances to assumptions resulting in a particular problem, emergency or state of affairs
  ▪ A monitoring process and “triggers” for initiating planned actions
Newborn Screening CONPLAN Collaboration
Disaster Planning

- **Strategic Plans**
  - Broad and general
    - i.e. National Response Framework (NRF)
  - Describe **WHAT** actions are to be performed

- **Operational Plans**
  - Detailed and focused
  - Describe:
    - **HOW** actions will be performed
    - **WHO** will perform them
    - **WHEN** will actions be performed
    - **WHERE** actions will be performed
Workshop

- CDC/HRSA hosted workshop in Atlanta Sept 24-26, 2008
- Participants included:
  1. federal partners
  2. state public health programs (including newborn screening programs, state labs, maternal child health programs)
  3. state emergency preparedness programs
  4. clinicians
Objective-Based Planning

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Plan Development Process

24 April

Develop plan with 3 Centers/CDC

CDC/HRSA Hosted Workshop

Follow up with additional key partners

Discuss process with CDC and HHS leadership

Complete Draft of ConPlan

Brief Congressional Staffers on status

Continue to refine Plan

Law Enacted

Plan Published
Current Status

• Nov 08 – May 09 plan circulated to subject matter experts for comments
• May 09 – August 09 Final draft developed
• Sep 09 – May 10 Plan in clearance at CDC and HRSA
• May 10 – To CDC/HRSA Directors and this committee
Next Steps

• Post plan to CDC website
• Partners share with members, AAP, ACMG, APHL, ASTHO others
• Add language to CDC Public Health Preparedness Cooperative Agreement
• Continued follow-up on areas that need more work
Questions?

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