









Steps for Adding a Condition to the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel (RUSP)

Step	Description
 Nominator submits a nomination package	To start the process, a team of experts and stakeholders complete a nomination package and submit it to the Committee.*
 Committee reviews the nomination package	The Committee reviews the nomination package. It considers whether the package met the requirements and addressed key questions about the condition, screening process, and treatment. If the nomination package has met the requirements, a Committee member presents a summary at a full Committee meeting.
 The Committee votes:	The Committee reviews and discusses the nomination further. If the nomination requirements are met, then the Committee will vote on whether or not to move the condition forward for more review. If the full Committee review and discussion finds that the nomination package does not meet requirements, the Committee may choose not to vote and ask the nominators to provide missing information and/or provide nominators with technical assistance on developing the nomination package.
No	If the Committee votes <i>no</i> , the condition does not move forward. The Committee will explain what else is needed, and provide technical assistance to the nominators
Yes	If the Committee votes <i>yes</i> , the condition moves forward for an evidence-based review.
 The ERG conducts an Evidence-Based Review	In an evidence-based review, an external Evidence-Based Review Group (ERG) gathers detailed data on how screening and treatment for the condition affect newborns, the population, and the public health system. The ERG prepares a final report and presents it to the Committee.
 The Committee considers the evidence	The Committee reviews the ERG report, then discusses and rates the data on three main points: screening benefits, screening feasibility, and state readiness to begin screening.
 The Committee votes:	The Committee votes on whether to recommend adding the nominated condition to the RUSP.
No	If the Committee votes <i>no</i> , it does not recommend adding the condition. The Committee will explain about what else is needed, and provide technical assistance to the nominators.
 Yes	If the Committee votes <i>yes</i> , it recommends adding the condition to the RUSP by sending a letter to the HHS Secretary.
 HHS Secretary responds	The HHS Secretary reviews the Committee recommendation and decides whether or not to add the condition to the RUSP.

*The full name of the Committee involved is the "Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children." The Consumer Guide uses the term "Committee" to refer to this group.

Diagram of Steps for Adding a Condition to the RUSP

