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# H. R. 5435

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for congenital  
Cytomegalovirus screening of newborns.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

Mr. LAWLER (for himself, Mr. LANDSMAN, and Ms. ROSS) introduced the  
following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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congenital Cytomegalovirus screening of newborns.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as “Stop CMV Act of 2025”.

5       **SEC. 2. SCREENING OF CONGENITAL CYTOMEGALOVIRUS.**

6       Part A of title XI of the Public Health Service Act  
7       is amended by inserting after section 1116 (42 U.S.C.  
8       300b–15) the following:

1   **“SEC.     1116A.     SCREENING     OF     CONGENITAL**  
2                   **CYTOMEGALOVIRUS.**

3           “(a) IN GENERAL.—Each hospital or other health  
4 care entity caring for infants who are 21 days or less of  
5 age (as designated by the Secretary) may administer, or  
6 cause to have administered, to every such infant in its care  
7 a test for congenital Cytomegalovirus in accordance with  
8 this section.

9           “(b) PROCESS.—

10           “(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out this sec-  
11 tion, the chief executive officer for health in each  
12 State may prescribe standards and procedures for  
13 the administration of testing under subsection (a),  
14 including recording the results of such tests, track-  
15 ing activities, conducting follow-up reviews, and car-  
16 rying out educational activities.

17           “(2) DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION.—In  
18 carrying out this section, the chief executive officer  
19 for health in each State may prescribe standards  
20 and procedures setting forth the manner in which  
21 testing information is disseminated to a parent or  
22 guardian of the infant to be tested.

23           “(3) FAILURE TO PRESCRIBE.—If a State has  
24 not prescribed standards and procedures that are  
25 approved as provided for in paragraph (4) by the  
26 date that is 2 years after the date of enactment of

1 the Stop CMV Act of 2025, the Discretionary Advi-  
2 sory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns  
3 and Children established under section 1111 (re-  
4 ferred to in this section as the ‘Advisory Com-  
5 mittee’) shall prescribe appropriate standards and  
6 procedures which may be implemented by such  
7 State.

8 “(4) REVIEW AND APPROVAL.—The standards  
9 and procedures prescribed under this subsection  
10 shall be subject to review and approval by the Advi-  
11 sory Committee. In reviewing or prescribing stand-  
12 ards and procedures as required under this sub-  
13 section, the Advisory Committee shall consider  
14 standards and procedures adopted in other States  
15 with respect to the screening of congenital  
16 Cytomegalovirus, the standards and procedures  
17 adopted in such State with respect to the screening  
18 of infants for other heritable diseases, and any sci-  
19 entific evidence the Advisory Committee considers  
20 relevant to provide for the screening of infants for  
21 congenital Cytomegalovirus.

22 “(c) GRANTS.—

23 “(1) HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES AD-  
24 MINISTRATION.—

1           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting  
2           through the Administrator of the Health Re-  
3           sources and Services Administration (referred  
4           to in this paragraph as the ‘Secretary’), shall  
5           award grants to States that prescribe standards  
6           and procedures in accordance with paragraphs  
7           (1) and (2), to be distributed by the States to  
8           entities described in subsection (a) to admin-  
9           ister tests in accordance with that subsection.

10           “(B) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-  
11           TIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated  
12           to carry out subparagraph (A) such sums as  
13           may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2025  
14           and 2026.

15           “(2) CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND  
16           PREVENTION.—

17           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting  
18           through the Director of the Centers for Disease  
19           Control and Prevention, shall award grants to,  
20           or enter into cooperative agreements with,  
21           States to provide technical assistance to State  
22           agencies or designated entities of States—

23                   “(i) to develop, maintain, and improve  
24                   data collection systems relating to con-  
25                   genital Cytomegalovirus; and

“(ii) to assist in the education and training of health care providers, patients, and the general public regarding the risk reduction or prevention, symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment of congenital Cytomegalovirus, including, as necessary, through the publication of scientific, evidence-based educational materials on internet web pages maintained by State agencies or designated entities of States.

“(B) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out subparagraph (A) such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2025 and 2026.

“(3) NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH.—The Director of the National Institutes of Health shall—

“(A) for the purposes of this section, establish a program, or expand existing programs, of research and development on the efficacy of new screening techniques and technology relating to congenital Cytomegalovirus, including clinical studies of screening methods, studies on efficacy of intervention, and related research; and

1           “(B) establish a program, or expand exist-  
2           ing programs, of research and development into  
3           congenital Cytomegalovirus diagnostics, preven-  
4           tion, treatments including public health aware-  
5           ness campaigns, risk reduction, and vaccine de-  
6           velopment, and cures or treatments (during  
7           pregnancy and after birth).”.

8   **SEC. 3. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HERITABLE DISORDERS**  
9                           **IN NEWBORNS AND CHILDREN.**

10       Section 1111(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42  
11   U.S.C. 300b–10(b)) is amended—

12           (1) in paragraph (7) by striking “and” after  
13       the semicolon;

14           (2) by redesignating paragraph (8) as para-  
15       graph (9); and

16           (3) by inserting after paragraph (7) the fol-  
17       lowing:

18           “(8) carry out activities under section 1116A;  
19       and”.

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