

**SEPSIS PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS**

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill authorizes hospitals to develop sepsis protocol requirements.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- defines terms;
- authorizes hospitals to develop sepsis protocols; and
- provides guidance on factors the protocols should include.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**26-21c-101**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**26-21c-102**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**26-21c-103**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**26-21c-104**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **26-21c-101** is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 21c. SEPSIS PROTOCOLS**

**26-21c-101. Title.**

This chapter is known as "Sepsis Protocols."

Section 2. Section **26-21c-102** is enacted to read:

**26-21c-102. Definitions.**

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Hospital" means a general acute hospital as defined in Section [26-21-2](#).

(2) "Sepsis" means a life-threatening complication of an infection.

Section 3. Section **26-21c-103** is enacted to read:

**26-21c-103. Protocols.**

(1) Hospitals may develop protocols for the treatment of sepsis and septic shock that are consistent with current evidence-based guidelines for the treatment of severe sepsis and septic shock.

(2) When developing the protocols described in Subsection (1), a hospital shall consider:

(a) a process for screening and recognizing patients with sepsis;

(b) a process to screen out individuals for whom the protocols would not be appropriate for treating sepsis;

(c) timeline goals for treating sepsis;

(d) different possible methods for treating sepsis and reasons to use each method;

(e) specific protocols to treat children who present with symptoms of sepsis or septic shock; and

(f) training requirements for staff.

(3) A hospital may update the hospital's sepsis protocols as new data on the treatment of sepsis and septic shock becomes available.

Section 4. Section **26-21c-104** is enacted to read:

**26-21c-104. Presenting protocols upon inspection.**

The department, or an entity assigned by the department to inspect a hospital, may

56 request a copy of the sepsis protocols described in Section [26-21c-103](#) when inspecting a  
57 hospital.