

Senator Karen Mayne proposes the following substitute bill:

SEPSIS PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Karen Mayne

House Sponsor: _____

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



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

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