

HB 2117 -- Umbilical Cord Blood Bank Service Program

Sponsor: Pollock

Beginning January 1, 2007, this bill requires the Department of Health and Senior Services, subject to appropriation, to establish the Umbilical Cord Blood Bank Service Program. The program will gather, collect, and preserve umbilical cord blood and provide the blood and blood components to persons and institutions conducting scientific research on human stem cells. Whenever possible, the department will attempt to reserve 20% of any umbilical cord blood gathered, collected, and preserved for the possible use by the donor child. Researchers obtaining umbilical cord blood must agree to make research results specific to a particular donor available to the donor child upon request.

The department may contract with any public or private umbilical cord blood bank service and must develop rules for the implementation of the program including, but not limited to, a public awareness program, establishment of an identification numbering system, and establishment of record keeping and reporting requirements for umbilical cord blood banks and researchers participating in the program.