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PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT | UPDATES TO THE NEWBORN SCREENING CONTINGENCY PLAN

The Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP) is partnering with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and an Advisory Committee to seek input to update the national [Newborn Screening Contingency Plan](#) (CONPLAN), with a focus on addressing gaps in laboratory and clinical follow-up.

This national CONPLAN is for use by a state, region, or consortia of states in the event of a public health emergency. Contingency planning for an emergency helps to ensure the availability of critical resources, the continuity of operations and sets standards for entities participating in the activation of the plan. Adhering to the established standards and maintaining continuity of testing and follow-up play critical roles in the screening, diagnosis, referral, and treatment of disorders identified in newborn screening, especially during a public health emergency.

The public comment survey tool will assist you in providing comments to help inform updates to the CONPLAN by allowing you to:

- 1) Provide general comments and considerations the Advisory Committee should take into account
- 2) Comment specifically on the current version of the CONPLAN

This survey will be open until February 15, 2016. To access the public comment survey, [click here](#). If you encounter any technical difficulties please contact **Cori Floyd** at cfloyd@amchp.org or (202) 266-3046.