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Overview of Everly's Law



H.B. 37 Specifications (1 of 3)

[Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 328](#), states that a hospital assigned a maternal level of care designation under [Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 241, Section 241.182](#) shall, following an intrauterine fetal demise, neonatal death, or stillbirth, make available to the expectant parents and family members for a period equal to the length of stay recommended by a medical professional for a birth:

- Perinatal bereavement care counseling options; and
- Any available perinatal bereavement device.

Note: Your hospital is NOT required to have a cooling device. However, if your hospital has a device, it shall be offered to families. Additionally, parents are NOT required to use a cooling device.

H.B. 37 Specifications (2 of 3)

Texas Health and Safety Code 328, Section 328.003 states that the department shall establish and administer a perinatal bereavement care initiative to improve access to and quality of perinatal bereavement care in this state.

Under the initiative, the department may provide to hospitals assigned a maternal level of care designation under Texas Health and Safety Code 241, Section 241.182 the following resources for the hospital's provision of perinatal bereavement care:

- Training;
- A perinatal bereavement device; and
- Any other resources necessary for providing perinatal bereavement care.

H.B. 37 Specifications (3 of 3)

Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 328, Section 328.004 also states that the executive commissioner, in collaboration with the Perinatal Advisory Council established under Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 241, Section 241.187, shall:

- Develop and implement a program to recognize hospitals assigned a maternal level of care designation under Section 241.182 that provide perinatal bereavement care training to hospital personnel; and
- Adopt criteria for awarding recognition to a hospital under the recognition program.

Hospital Recognition Program

Tangible Certificates

- Physician and nurse champions will receive digital or physical certificates that will include their hospital affiliation for display and accreditation documentation.

Public Listing

- Hospitals are publicly listed on DSHS website, for being certified in Perinatal Bereavement Care increasing visibility and trust among families and community partners.