

S.F. No. 1698 – Vivian Act

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Section 1 (144.064) requires the commissioner of health to make available information about congenital CMV and to create an outreach program to educate and raise awareness for CMV.

Subdivision 1 specifies that the section may be cited as the “Vivian Act”.

Subd. 2 defines the following terms: commissioner, health care practitioner, CMV, and congenital CMV.

Subd. 3, paragraph (a) requires the commissioner to make available to health care practitioners, women who may become pregnant, expectant parents, and parents of infants evidence-based information about genital CMV (human herpesvirus cytomegalovirus) including:

- (1) the recommendation to consider testing for congenital CMV in infants who did not pass their newborn hearing screen or in which pregnancy history increased risk for congenital CMV infection;
- (2) the incidence of CMV;
- (3) the transmission of CMV to pregnant women who are pregnant or who may become pregnant;
- (4) birth defects caused by congenital CMV;
- (5) available prevention measures to avoid infection; and
- (6) resources available for families and children born with congenital CMV.

Paragraph (b) requires the commissioner to follow existing department practice to ensure that the information provided is culturally and linguistically appropriate.

Paragraph (c) requires the commissioner to establish an outreach program to (1) educate women who may become pregnant, expectant parents, and parents of families about CMV; and (2) raise awareness for CMV among health care providers who provide care to expectant mothers or infants.