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Dear Drs. Schultz and Baker:

Thank you for submitting a nomination on November 6, 2017, to add Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) disease to the newborn screening panel of conditions. We appreciate and share your concern for children and families who are profoundly affected by this terrible disease.

When we receive nominations to add a condition to the Wisconsin panel, we follow a careful process to ensure they are thoroughly reviewed by doctors and scientific experts in Wisconsin, using established criteria. You can read more about this process, and the committees involved, at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/newbornscreening/process-additions.htm>.

On December 1, 2017, the Umbrella Committee of Wisconsin newborn screening specialists who specialize in caring for children with various disorders, such as SMA, reviewed this condition and your presentation materials as well as the available evidence. The committee reviewed the nomination and recommended adding SMA to the newborn screening panel.

In January, 2018, the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Newborn Screening (SACNBS) reviewed the nomination, as well as the recommendations of the Umbrella Committee. The SACNBS also recommended adding SMA to the newborn screening panel.

Based on the recommendation of the SACNBS, I am approving the addition of SMA to the newborn screening panel through the administrative rule-making process.

Thank you for your interest and support for the Wisconsin Newborn Screening Program.

Sincerely,

Linda Seemeyer
Secretary