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Dear Drs. Scott-Schwoerer and Mendez,

Thank you for submitting a nomination to add guanidinoacetate methyltransferase deficiency (GAMT) to the Wisconsin newborn screening panel of conditions. We appreciate and share your concern for children and families who are profoundly affected by this condition.

When we receive nominations to add a condition to the Wisconsin panel, we follow a careful process to ensure that they are thoroughly reviewed by doctors and scientific experts in Wisconsin. You can read more about this process, the established criteria, and the committees involved at: [Nominate a Condition for Addition to the Wisconsin Newborn Screening Panel | Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#).

On March 14, 2025, the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Newborn Screening (SACNBS) met via Zoom to review the nomination to add guanidinoacetate methyltransferase (GAMT) to the Wisconsin mandatory newborn screening (NBS) panel. The nomination was reviewed by the Metabolic Subcommittee, consisting of experts who specialize in caring for children with various metabolic disorders, which recommended acceptance, on October 18, 2024, leading to presentation to the Umbrella Committee meeting, on December 6, 2024, which also recommended acceptance. The SACNBS voted unanimously in favor of adding guanidinoacetate methyltransferase (GAMT) to the Wisconsin NBS panel.

Based on the recommendation of the SACNBS, I am approving the addition of guanidinoacetate methyltransferase (GAMT) to the Wisconsin newborn screening panel and will move forward with the administrative rule-making process. You can read more about this process at: [Administrative Rules | Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#).

Thank you for your contribution to the Wisconsin Newborn Screening Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kirsten Johnson".

Kirsten L. Johnson  
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