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95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 191, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to cord blood banking.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 191, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 191.755 and 191.758, to read as follows:

191.755. The director of the department of health and senior services shall make publicly available, by posting on the department's website, resources relating to umbilical cord blood that have been developed by the Parent's Guide to Cord Blood Foundation, or a successor organization, which includes the following information:

(1) An explanation of the potential value and uses of umbilical cord blood, including cord blood cells and stem cells, for individuals who are or are not biologically related to a mother or her newborn child;

(2) An explanation of the differences between using one's own blood cord cells and using related or unrelated cord blood stem cells in the treatment of disease;

(3) An explanation of the differences between public and private umbilical cord blood banking;

(4) The options available to a mother relating to stem cells that are contained in the umbilical cord blood after the delivery of her newborn, including:

(a) Donating the stem cells to a public umbilical cord blood bank where facilities are available;

(b) Storing the stem cells in a private family umbilical cord blood bank for use by immediate and extended family members;

22 (c) Storing the stem cells for immediate or extended family
23 members through a family or sibling donor banking program that
24 provides free collection, processing, and storage where there is an
25 existing medical need; and

26 (d) Discarding the stem cells;

27 (5) The medical processes involved in the collection of cord
28 blood;

29 (6) Medical or family history criteria that can impact a family's
30 consideration of umbilical cord blood banking, including the likelihood
31 of using a baby's cord blood to serve as a match for a family member
32 who has a medical condition;

33 (7) Options for ownership and future use of donated umbilical
34 cord blood;

35 (8) The average cost of public and private umbilical cord blood
36 banking;

37 (9) The availability of public and private cord blood banks to
38 citizens of Missouri, including:

39 (a) A list of public cord blood banks and hospitals served by such
40 blood banks;

41 (b) A list of private cord blood banks that are available; and

42 (c) The availability of free family banking and sibling donor
43 programs where there is an existing medical need by a family member;
44 and

45 (10) An explanation of which racial and ethnic groups are in
46 particular need of publicly donated cord blood samples based upon
47 medical data developed by the United States Department of Health and
48 Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration.

191.758. Beginning October 1, 2010, every licensed physician who
2 provides obstetrical or gynecological care to a pregnant woman shall,
3 prior to the beginning of the pregnant woman's third trimester of
4 pregnancy or, if later, at the first visit of such pregnant woman to the
5 physician, make available to the patient information developed under
6 section 191.755 relating to the woman's options with respect to
7 umbilical cord blood banking.

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