

1 AN ACT

2 relating to parenting and postpartum counseling information to be  
3 provided to a pregnant woman.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 161, Health and Safety Code, is amended  
6 by adding Subchapter R to read as follows:

7 SUBCHAPTER R. PARENTING AND POSTPARTUM COUNSELING INFORMATION

8 Sec. 161.451. RESOURCE LIST. (a) A hospital, birthing  
9 center, physician, nurse midwife, or midwife who provides prenatal  
10 care to a pregnant woman during gestation or at delivery of an  
11 infant shall:

12 (1) provide the woman with a resource list of the  
13 names, addresses, and phone numbers of professional organizations  
14 that provide postpartum counseling and assistance to parents;

15 (2) document in the patient's record that the patient  
16 received the information described in Subdivision (1); and

17 (3) retain the documentation for at least three years  
18 in the hospital's, birthing center's, physician's, nurse midwife's,  
19 or midwife's records.

20 (b) The list must include resources a parent may contact to  
21 receive counseling and assistance for postpartum depression and  
22 other emotional traumas associated with pregnancy and parenting.

23 (c) A hospital, birthing center, physician, nurse midwife,  
24 or midwife who provides prenatal care to a woman during gestation or

1 at delivery is presumed to have complied with this section if the  
2 woman received prior prenatal care from another hospital, birthing  
3 center, physician, or midwife in this state during the same  
4 pregnancy.

5 Sec. 161.452. DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT. The department shall:

6 (1) establish guidelines for the provision of the  
7 information required by Section 161.451;

8 (2) make available on the department's website a  
9 printable list of professional organizations that provide  
10 postpartum counseling and assistance to parents; and

11 (3) update the list required under Subdivision (2)  
12 monthly.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

David Newkirk

President of the Senate

Jim Cullum

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 341 was passed by the House on May 10, 2003, by a non-record vote; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 341 on May 30, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 341 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 28, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Rick Perry

Governor

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