



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2005 Wisconsin Act 56
[2005 Assembly Bill 270]

Umbilical Cord Blood Donation

2005 Wisconsin Act 56 requires the principal prenatal health care provider of a woman who is known to be pregnant to offer her information, before her 35th week of pregnancy, on options to donate blood extracted from the umbilical cord of her newborn child. The options to donate would be to an accepting and accredited cord blood bank, blood bank, blood center, or plasma center. The information must be provided if the donation may be made without monetary expense for the collection or storage to the woman, to any third-party payor providing health care coverage for the woman, or to the hospital in which the delivery occurs.

The Act provides that no person may be held civilly liable for failure to comply, or for complying, with the requirements of the Act.

Effective Date: The Act takes effect on December 30, 2005.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.