

FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

The information contained in the Initial Statement of Reasons at the time of Public Notice remains unchanged. As authorized by Government Code Section 11346.9(d), the California Department of Public Health (Department) incorporates by reference the Initial Statement of Reasons prepared for this rulemaking.

The regulation text was made available for public comment for at least 45 days, from October 7, 2016 through November 21, 2016. The Department did not receive any comments.

A public hearing was held at 1:30 p.m. on October 18, 2016 in the Hearing Room in the East End Complex located at 1500 Capitol Avenue in Sacramento, California. The Department did not receive any comments.

Alternatives that would lessen Adverse Economic Impact on Small Business

No alternatives were proposed to the Department that would lessen any adverse economic impact on small business.

Alternatives Determination:

In accordance with Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(13), No reasonable alternative considered by the Department or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the Department would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed; would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action; or, would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

The Department has made an initial determination that there are no acceptable alternatives to the regulation to fund the operations of the California Prenatal Screening (Multiple Marker) Testing Program, and protect the public interest in maintaining a statewide screening program.

Local Mandate Determination:

The Department has determined that the regulations do not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts, nor are there any costs for which reimbursement is required by Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code, nor are there any other non-discretionary costs imposed.

Impact on Business

The Department has determined that the regulations would not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.