

Prior law provided every physician who attends any pregnant woman for conditions relating to pregnancy during the period of gestation or at delivery shall offer to take or to have taken a sample of her blood at the time of first examination or as soon as possible thereafter. Furthermore, if no objection is made by the woman, a blood sample shall be taken and submitted to any approved laboratory for a standard test for syphilis as approved by the American Board of Pathology and for a standard diagnostic HIV test approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

Prior law provided all other persons permitted by law to attend pregnant women but not permitted to take blood samples shall have a sample of the blood of every pregnant woman attended by them taken by a duly licensed physician, if no objection to the taking of the sample is made by the woman, and submitted to an approved laboratory for a standard test for syphilis.

New law amends prior law to include the requirements of prior law for the third trimester.

New law amends prior law to include a standard diagnostic HIV test.

Effective upon signature of the governor (June 4, 2014).

(Amends R.S. 40:1091)