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Surgeon General

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Subject: Proposed "Infant Doe" Guidelines

In connection with our Infant Doe initiative, I have completed a first draft of possible guidelines for the Department to issue concerning responsibilities of hospitals and state child protective agencies in providing treatment to handicapped infants.

Before proceeding with any other Departmental coordination or clearance, I would like to have your thoughts on this approach. I would particularly like your views on the description contained in the draft of the circumstances when nontreatment decisions are justified (Section III-A-3 of the guidelines).

Please let me know (245-6321) when we can get together to discuss this. Thanks for your help.

Attachments: 1) Draft Memo to Secretary
2) Draft of Guidelines
3) Notice to Health Care Providers

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