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A Human Milk Bank in Utah

The Support Organization is Established

The Need Exists

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1. BanTheBags.org is a national campaign to stop hospital-based marketing of infant formula to new mothers.


4. WIC's promotion of infant formula in the United States. Kent G.


6. www.healthypeople.gov


8. Additional cost of medical NEC (no surgery) $186,000

9. Additional cost if surgery is required $73,700

10. Total $259,700

11. How much will it cost to establish a milk bank in Utah? Grant applications to philanthropic organizations and governments (state and federal), subsidies from local health agencies...

12. Where will the funds come from?

13. The incidence of NEC has been reported to vary between 0.9 to 2.4 per 1000...

14. Avoiding NEC is an example of how health insurance companies can benefit from supporting breastfeeding. The savings can be as long as 60 days more than premature infants not affected by NEC and that additional hospital costs average over $130,000...

15. It Makes Sense For Babies And Their Families

16. It Makes Sense For Hospitals

17. It Makes Sense For Health Insurance Companies

18. What is WIC? WIC, or the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children, is a program of the US Federal Government that has the mission of "safeguarding the health of low-income...

19. The lack of a milk bank in Utah has deprived many mothers from the opportunity to contribute to a worthy cause. Mothers with excess milk love to donate it so someone will benefit from it. Some mothers who have lost a baby, either at birth or soon thereafter, find that expressing and donating their milk fills a therapeutic need.

20. No matter how one slices the pie, a human milk bank is cost effective while promoting health care. Anyone who thinks otherwise is self-serving.

21. According to their nonprofit mission, Intermountain Healthcare (IMHC) provides medical care regardless of ability to pay. NEC is more likely to affect these families as well.

22. Research has shown that prematurity occurs more frequently in low socioeconomic families, NEC is more likely to affect these families as well. The incidence of NEC has been reported to vary between 0.9 to 2.4 per 1000 and it appears to be increasing.

23. One study has shown that the length of the hospital stay of premature babies with NEC can be as long as 60 days more than premature infants not affected by NEC and that additional hospital costs average over $130,000...