

# CP 1.2 Parent Refusal of Screening

## BACKGROUND/POLICY:

1. The only legitimate reason for a parent/legal guardian to refuse the screening of their newborn is if it conflicts with his/her religious beliefs or practices. This refusal must be made in writing, using the state form NBS-TR.
2. ASC staff and the baby's provider should make every effort to educate the parents that it is in their baby's best interest to be screened. This should be done by informing them of screening's benefits and the risks they assume if the baby is not screened. Their refusal or lack of cooperation with the baby's provider and the ASC staff in having the baby screened needs to be documented. The documentation should include all efforts made on the part of the ASC staff to have the baby screened.

## ATTACHMENT:

1.2.1 Parent Letter

## PROTOCOL:

Resp. Person	Action
ASC NBS Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Upon being informed (via follow-up of NBS-NO or OH forms) that a baby was not screened and that that parents are reluctant or resistant to having the baby screened, attempts to contact parents and provide them with information about benefits of screening and risks of not screening.</li><li>• Provides parents with brochure <i>Important Information for Parents about the Newborn Screening Test</i>.</li><li>• If parents are agreeable, makes arrangements (in concert with the baby's primary care provider) to have the baby screened.</li><li>• If parents state that they don't want their baby screened or they do not respond to ASC efforts to have the baby screened, sends certified letter (see 3.22 A attached letter) including NBS-TR to parents documenting efforts and/or parents' stated refusal,</li><li>• Closes case in SIS utilizing tracking events and case notes (if indicated) indicating that a summary letter has been sent to parents and that parents have not sent a response. Keeps copy of letter on file.</li></ul>