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Dear Newborn Screening Provider:

Enclosed you will find the new version of the newborn screening test request forms (TRFs), and a poster entitled “Steps to Collecting the Newborn Screening Specimen, *Using the New 27 Million Series Form*”, and a handout with additional instructions. **Please note that there are significant changes to this form:**

- The size and shape of the TRF are different.
- Space for an alternate phone number (such as a cell number or the phone number for a family member) is available under the mother’s information.
- If the baby is a ward of the court, please check the box and provide the contact information for the individual who is responsible for the baby (i.e. the foster parent, social worker, etc.).
- A new question has been added after ALL FEEDINGS SINCE BIRTH. NPO AT TIME OF COLLECTION (yes or no) must be filled out for all babies.
- Home Birth is now an option under Nursery Type.
- The baby’s gestational age at delivery (in whole weeks) is now being collected. Please round up or down appropriately.
- A new field, called Hospital Order #, has been added to the bottom right of the form. **Please leave this field blank.** It is for future electronic data results transfer, but will not be in use for some time.
- There are now 6 spots instead of 5 on the collection card. This is because we are adding one or more additional tests to the screen.

Instructions for completion of the form are on the back of the form and instructions for specimen collection and handling are beneath the filter paper with the circles. As always, it is very important that information entered on the TRF be accurate. Incorrect or missing information can cause dangerous delays in diagnosis and treatment of a baby with one of the screened-for disorders.

Also, please remember that the pink copy, along with the blue form beneath it, must be detached and given to the parent. The underside of the pink copy and the blue form together is a Notice of Information and Privacy Practices which serves to fulfill HIPAA requirements. The infant’s mother should be instructed to 1) inspect the demographic information about herself, her

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baby, and the baby's doctor for accuracy, and 2) give the pink copy to the baby's doctor at the first office visit.

This form requests some additional information not found on past TRFs. Newborn Screening Area Service Center (ASC) staff is available to answer questions and provide technical assistance. Please see the attached list of the ASCs and their assigned regions.

If you still have the older version (series 26), please use up all of them before you use any new forms. The older forms expire August, 2012. If you are sending both old and new forms in the same envelope, we strongly suggest you use a separate transport log for the new (series 27) forms.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Norah Ojeda". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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