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Reminder: Beginning on **June 1, 2012**, healthcare providers must distribute a new Decision form to parents upon collection of each newborn screening specimen. The Decision form is Page 2 of the **2012** specimen collection kits. Providers may continue using the 2010 & 2011 kits but must follow the instructions below.

Instructions for use of 2010 & 2011 Newborn Screening Specimen Collection kits beginning June 1, 2012

Beginning June 1, 2012:

1. Continue to use the 2010 and 2011 specimen collection kits to collect Newborn Screening specimens through the kit expiration date (can be found on each kit).
2. On the 2010 and 2011 Newborn Screening kits, remove and discard Page 2, "Use and Storage of Newborn Screening Blood Spot Cards / Directive to Destroy Newborn Screening Blood Spot Card Following Testing".
3. Distribute Page 1 (Parent Copy) of the 2010 and 2011 specimen collection kits to parents, as usual.
4. Distribute to parents an 8½ X 11 version of "Parental Decision for Storage and Use of Newborn Screening Blood Spot Cards" form with each specimen collected.
5. Advise parents to read, select an option, and return the form to DSHS.
6. If requested by parent, return the completed form to DSHS along with any regular newborn screening specimen shipment.

8 ½ x 11 version of decision form can be found at:

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/lab/nbsBloodspots.shtm>

Please contact the laboratory with any questions or to sign up for Email ListServ notices:

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