

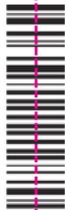
*Attention Newborn Screening Submitters*

**CHECK THE EXPIRATION DATE ON YOUR  
NEWBORN SCREENING KITS**

Newborn Screening kits with a serial number beginning with **13**  
**(13-XXXXXXX) EXPIRED** on **November 30, 2015**.

**2013 cards can no longer be used to collect Newborn  
Screening specimens.**

*All specimens collected on '13 kits after 11/30/2015  
must be **REJECTED** and require a redraw.*

 TX 13-0000001 X TX 13-0000001 X	Baby's Last Name Baby's First Name Baby's Date of Birth	MM/DD/YYYY Serial Number SN TX 13-0000001	<b>MEDICAID / CHIP / CHARITY</b>
	<b>Texas Newborn Screening Parent Information</b>		
<b>Parent,</b> Congratulations on your new baby! Take your baby to your baby's doctor when your baby is 7 to 14 days old. <b>Also, take this form!</b> This is important. This will help the doctor get the newborn screening test results. <b>What is newborn screening?</b> It is a simple blood test to look for some diseases. These diseases can cause a baby to get really sick or die. <b>Why should my baby be tested?</b> If we find and treat these diseases early, we can keep babies from getting sick or dying. <b>When is my baby tested?</b> In Texas, babies have a newborn screening test when they are 1 to 2 days old. This test is done again at 7 to 14 days old. The test is done in accordance with Texas law. <b>How is newborn screening done?</b> A little blood from your baby's foot is put on a blood spot card. The cards are sent to be tested at the Department of State Health Services (DSHS). <b>How do I get results?</b> You can get the test results from your baby's doctor. The results are sent to the doctor from DSHS in one to two weeks. <b>Is more testing available?</b> DSHS screens for many but not all diseases your baby may have. More tests can be done. Ask your baby's doctor and see <a href="http://www.babysfirsttest.org/find-condition">www.babysfirsttest.org/find-condition</a> .		<b>What happens to the blood spot card after testing?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSHS keeps the blood spot cards in a secure place for up to two years. By Texas law (Health &amp; Safety Code Sec. 33.018(b)-(c)), the blood spots may be used during that time. Uses include:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSHS and external quality assurance to make sure tests, equipment, and supplies are working right;</li> <li>Developing new tests; and/or</li> <li>DSHS studies of diseases that affect public health.</li> </ul> </li> <li>If you give your OK, your baby's blood spot cards will be stored for up to 25 years, and they may be used for public health research outside of DSHS.</li> </ul> <b>Complete, sign, and return the "Parental Decision for Storage and Use of Newborn Screening Blood Spot Cards" form to make your choice.</b> No matter your choice, no information that identifies you or your child can be released outside DSHS without your additional written OK. There are a few exceptions, as provided by law. You can change your mind at any time. <b>For more information, call 1(888) 963-7111 ext. 7333 or visit: <a href="http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/lab/newbornscreening.shtm">www.dshs.state.tx.us/lab/newbornscreening.shtm</a></b>	
Texas Department of State Health Services - Newborn Screening Program P.O. Box 149341, Austin, Texas 78714 - 9341 (800) 252-8023		<b>PARENT COPY</b>	Kit Expires 11/30/2015

**Note:** Paid kits can be returned for credit only if they are defective.

**Questions / Comments**

Call toll free: 1-888-963-7111 ext. 7333 or for local calls 512-776-7333

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