



**Summary of Revisions to the
Newborn Screening Benefits Program
Contractor Procedures Manual
FY2011**

The following is a summary of the significant changes to the Newborn Screening Benefits Program Contractor Procedures Manual FY2011 for the Newborn Screening Benefits Program Contracts. Revisions not detailed in the summary include modifications to the text to achieve greater clarity and consistency with other Procedure Manuals and updates to names, dates and web links referenced throughout the document. All changes must be implemented as soon as feasible.

HEADING	SUMMARY OF CHANGE
Introduction	
Program Overview	<p>Current manual reads:</p> <p>The program offers reimbursement to enrolled providers for the provision of specified services to eligible clients at Medicaid rates for clinical services and NBS Benefits Program rates for remediation services, as program funding allows. page 2</p> <p>Revised:</p> <p>The program offers reimbursement to enrolled providers for the provision of specified services to eligible clients at Medicaid rates for clinical services. Enrolled laboratories and providers of remediation services are reimbursed at established rates (See Section III).</p>
Definitions	Added pages 5-8
SECTION I	
CLIENT SERVICES POLICIES AND PROCEDURES	
Section name changed from "Eligibility"	
Client Eligibility	<p>Added language on timeframes:</p> <p>NBS Benefits Program will ensure the eligibility process is completed within 7 working days (2 working days for Immediate</p>

	Need cases) from the date the completed application was received and that the client record includes all appropriate eligibility documentation. Page 11-12
Screening and Eligibility Determination	Revised for clarity. Added income table with definitions following it on pages 16-20
Eligibility Determination	Current manual reads: For each client being renewed, the NBS Benefits Program staff will assure the client completes a new NBS Benefits Program Application for Services. Page 16
	Revised: For each client being renewed, the contractor will assure the client completes a new NBS Benefits Program Application for Services. Page 24
SECTION II	ELIGIBILITY FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS
Forms	All forms starting on pg 26 have been revised. New forms should be incorporated into clinical practice immediately.
SECTION III	ALLOWABLE NBS BENEFITS
Laboratory Procedures	Added: As funding allows, the NBS Benefits Program offers reimbursement to enrolled laboratories for the provision of specified services at Medicaid reimbursement rates or the established rates as outlined below. Any test over \$400.00 must have prior of approval from the NBS Benefits Program. Page 41
	Current manual includes: Tables with two columns; Laboratory Tests and Codes, all procedures are not to exceed Medicaid rates. pages 34 & 35

	<p>Proposed change:</p> <p>Revised tables to replace column with Codes to Laboratory Rate adding reimbursement rates for some tests, all other tests will still be reimbursed at Medicaid rates. Pages 41-42</p>
SECTION IV	BILLING AND REPORTING
Billing and Reporting Overview	<p>Current manual reads:</p> <p>Reimbursement for physician services and laboratory services are set at Texas Medicaid rates (See Section 3 of this manual for allowable services). page 45</p>
	<p>Revised:</p> <p>Reimbursement for physician services are set at Texas Medicaid rates (See Section III of this manual for allowable services). Laboratory services are set at established rates (See Section III for reimbursement rates).</p>
Billing Requirements	<p>Current manual reads:</p> <p>Requests for reimbursement of allowable benefits at established rates are submitted monthly on a State of Texas Purchase voucher, and a 1500 Health Insurance Claim Form. The voucher may be downloaded from: http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/grants/forms/b13form.doc</p> <p>The 1500 Health Insurance Claim Form may be downloaded from: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/cmsforms/downloads/CMS1500805.pdf.</p>
	<p>Revised:</p> <p>Requests for reimbursement of allowable benefits at established rates are submitted monthly in aggregate on a State of Texas Purchase Voucher. The voucher may be downloaded from: http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/grants/forms/b13form.doc</p> <p>The Health Insurance Claim Form-1500 document shall be accurately filled out for each enrolled client provided services during the payment month and submitted to the NBS Benefits Program with the Purchase Voucher. The Claim Form should be a consolidated list of all services the client received during</p>

	the month. The 1500 Health Insurance Claim Form may be downloaded from: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/cmsforms/downloads/CMS1500805.pdf .
Optional Forms	
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Appendix	State Resources
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