

Newborn Screening – Medicaid vs. PAID Kits

Choosing the Correct Kit for Specimen Collection

There are two types of newborn screening kits: NBS4 and NBS3

- Use the Insurance/Self-Pay Test Kit (form #NBS4) for newborns that are covered under a private insurance plan or will pay out of pocket.
- Use the Medicaid/CHIP/Charity Test Kit (form #NBS3) ONLY for Medicaid eligible newborns, newborns covered by CHIP, or newborns that have absolutely no other payment option as required in Texas Administrative Code, Title 25 Section 37.55.

Tips for choosing and using the correct kit:

- Prior to specimen collection, verify the payor for the newborn's hospital services.
 - Refer to baby or mom's medical record for information obtained upon admission or contact the mother.
- Attach the appropriate kit type to the newborn's chart or medical record so it is available for staff who will collect the specimen.
- If the newborn does not have insurance and the mother is covered under Medicaid, collect the specimen on the NBS3 (Medicaid/Chip/Charity) kit.
- If unsure of newborn's insurance or Medicaid status, collect the specimens on the NBS4 (Insurance/Self-Pay) kit. DSHS will credit the facility's account for the cost of the kit if a Medicaid eligible newborn has a specimen collected on a NBS4 kit.
- If a NBS3 kit was incorrectly used to collect a specimen from a newborn covered by insurance or paying out of pocket, write a note on the collection kit that the specimen should have been collected on an Insurance/Self-Pay card. DSHS will bill the facility for the cost of the kit.

Questions? Contact the Texas DSHS NBS Laboratory:

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