



NEWBORN SCREENING FACILITY REPORT CARD CHANGE

In February 2015, the Secretary’s Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children (ACHDNC) formalized a series of recommendations regarding newborn screening (NBS) timeliness goals. One recommendation is that NBS specimens should be received at the state laboratory as soon as possible; ideally **within 24 hours of collection**.

To help facilities monitor the progress of this recommendation, the NBS Facility Report Cards will change starting with August 2018 data. Below are examples of the report card before and now:

Before:

Specimen Transit Time from Collection to State Laboratory

	Count	Percent	State Average	Goal
Goal: Received within 72 hrs from collection	188	100.00%	79.46%	100%
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How can facilities better meet this ACHDNC recommendation?

- Assign specific staff members 7 days a week to monitor and establish routine specimen collection processes for your facility.
- Collect specimens 4-5 hours before scheduled courier pick up to allow time for drying and shipment preparation.
- Package specimens and ensure courier documentation is completed correctly.
- Ship specimens as soon as possible, preferably via overnight courier.

More information about the ACHDNC recommendations can be found [here](#).

What is the Facility Report Card and how do I access it?

Click [here](#) to find out everything you need to know.

For questions or comments:

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