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Form to Refuse the Newborn Screening Blood Test

The test finds certain serious illnesses. Your child may look well for weeks or months. Your child may need to be treated to keep from dying or having handicaps.

Texas Law requires the test for your baby. You can refuse the blood test if it is against the religious teachings or practices of your organized church. (Health and Safety Code, Section 33.012).

DSHS Legal: I would use more of the language from 33.012 here and give the specific citation.

- I have heard the benefits of the newborn screening blood test.
- I know I can only refuse this test if it is against my church.

_____ I do not want my baby tested now. I will take a copy of this form to show to my baby's doctor.

Medical record number of baby: _____

Name and Address of Place of Baby's Birth: _____

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name of Parent: _____

Signature of Staff: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name of Staff: _____

Give one copy of this form to the family and put one in the medical record.

For more information, please visit our website at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/lab/nbsParentRes.shtm> or call toll free at (888) 963-7111 ext. 7333.