



New Bloodspot Screening Card Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

The Northwest Regional Newborn Screening (NWRNBS) Program has redesigned its bloodspot collection cards to improve data collection. Please share this FAQ with your team and reach out to the NWRNBS Program with any questions or concerns.

Card Orders, Exchanges, and Fees

Q: When will the new cards be available?

A: The new cards should be available in early 2025. Each submitter should maintain enough of the current cards to last until the end of March 2025.

Q: Will there be a process to exchange our current cards for the new cards?

A: Yes! The Program will exchange the current cards for new cards. In January, submitters will receive information about how and when to complete the exchange.

Q: Will there be a fee change for the new cards?

A: No, there will not be a fee change associated with the new cards.

Send a Card Even When Blood is Not Collected

Q: Sending in a card for blood not collected is new. Will we get a replacement card?

A: Yes, there will be a process to get replacement cards when bloodspots are not collected. More information will be available in upcoming training materials.

Q: What should I do if the parents refuse newborn screening and refuse to sign the exemption?

A: If parents refuse to sign the exemption on the card, please complete the exemption and note the parents' refusal to sign. Return the card to the newborn screening program.

Training/Completing the New Card

Q: Will training be available for how to complete the new card?

A: Yes, written instructions and a training video will be available after the first of the year. These materials will be provided with new cards and on our webpage.

Q: How will we know what Newborn Screening (NBS) Code to write on the card for our facility?

A: NBS Codes will be available on our webpage, listed by submitter or facility.

Q: We like to put our patient label on the card. Where should they be placed?

A: Please write in the required information on the card. If you would like to attach a patient label as well, you may place it on the back of the top slip.

Please reach out to the newborn screening program with any questions. We can be reached at (503) 693-4174 or nwregional.nbs@odhsoha.oregon.gov.