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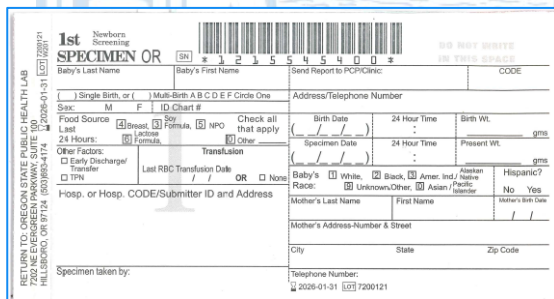
To: All birth facilities, clinics, and health care providers

From: The Northwest Regional Newborn Bloodspot Screening Program

Subject: **Updated Newborn Bloodspot Screening Cards**

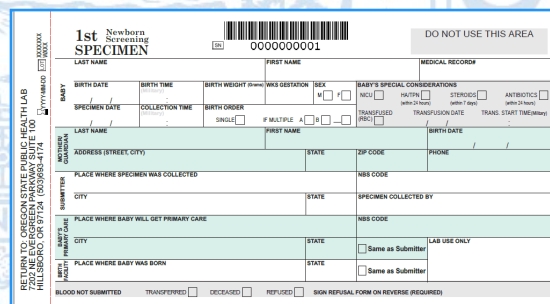
What is changing?

The Northwest Regional Newborn Bloodspot Screening Program plans to roll out an updated specimen collection card in early 2025. The updated card has been redesigned to be more user friendly and improve data collection.



The current card is a form for the 1st Newborn Screening Specimen OR. It includes fields for Baby's Last Name, Baby's First Name, and a barcode. It also has sections for birth information (Single Birth or Multi-Birth, Birth Date, 24 Hour Time, Birth Wt.), medical history (Flood Source, 24 Hours, Other Factors), and contact information (Address/Telephone Number, City, State, Zip Code). The card is labeled 'DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE'.

Current Card



The new card is a form for the 1st Newborn Screening Specimen OR. It includes fields for Baby's Last Name, Baby's First Name, and a barcode. It also has sections for birth information (Birth Date, Birth Time, Birth Weight, Sex, Baby's Special Considerations), medical history (Specimen Date, Collection Time, Birth Order, Multiple, Transfused, Transfusion Date, Trans Start Time), and contact information (Address (Street, City), State, ZIP Code, Phone). The card is labeled 'DO NOT USE THIS AREA'.

New Card

How should birth facilities and healthcare providers prepare for this change?

To prepare for this transition, each submitter should evaluate their inventory of cards. To limit excess stock, please order and maintain a current card supply to last through the end of January 2025. We will communicate additional information regarding card inventory management and provide training materials closer to the roll out date.

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.