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Subject: Newborn Screening forms

Soon, we will begin filling requests for newborn screening forms with our latest edition, REV. 12/09. There are a few changes with this form that should be noted:

1. The form continues to be WHATMAN 903 but is lavender in color. It has an expiration date of December 2012. The expiration date is found at the bottom right corner of the form and is displayed as 2012-12. The new lot number is W091-6856209.
2. Since antibiotics can interfere with some Acylcarnitine results we have added a place on the collection form to indicate if the infant has had antibiotic therapy. Please indicate on the form by checking either YES or NO whether the infant is on antibiotics at the time of collection or has had antibiotics within 24 hours of collection.
3. To aid in follow-up of any hearing results with our Latino population, there is a place under Mother's Information to indicate if Spanish language is spoken. Please collect this information if at all possible.
4. Under Hearing, there are now additional data items to indicate why a test was not performed - "Unable to Test", "Transferred", "Still in Hospital" and "Expired". There are now "6" risk factor categories. ECMO and Chemo are now #6. See the back of the "Pink" hearing copy for definitions of risk factors.

Please use all of your current supply of forms before contacting your Local Health Department or Laboratory Services for the new supply of forms. Current forms in circulation are yellow, orange or blue in color with expiration dates of 9/2010, 10/2011 and 5/2012 respectively and should be exhausted prior to using the new forms. If you have any questions, please contact Christine McKeever (615-262-6352 or Chris.McKeever@tn.gov) Thomas Childs (615-262-6446 or Thomas.Childs@tn.gov) or Mitzi Lamberth (615-262-6304 or Mitzi.Lamberth@tn.gov).