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IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUESTED

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Dear Submitter of Newborn Screening Specimens:

Please be advised that both blue and red border newborn heel stick screening filter paper specimen forms (LAB-10 forms) of Lot#W102 will expire on April 30, 2014. Please stop using these forms immediately.

Medical providers should have a stock of forms of Lot# W112 (expiration October 31, 2015) or Lot#W121 (expiration June 30, 2016) and should begin using them now.

Forms from Lot#W102 used before the expiration date, but arriving to the OPH Laboratory after the expiration date will be rejected. Therefore, please make sure you have a mix of red and blue Lab 10 forms with Lot #W112 or Lot# W121. Lab forms can be ordered by contacting the Genetic Diseases Program at 504-568-8254:

Old red border forms should be returned and they will be exchanged for the new forms at no charge.

Please contact the Genetic Diseases Program office if you have any questions or encounter any problems with securing valid forms.

For more information regarding newborn heel stick screening, please visit the Genetic Diseases Program website at www.genetics.dhh.louisiana.gov.

Sincerely,


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