DPH Connecticut Department of Public Health

Connecticut Newborn Screening Updates

September 27, 2016

Connecticut Newborn Screening Program Katherine A. Kelley Public Health Laboratory 395 West Street, Rocky Hill, CT 06067 P: (860) 920-6628, F: (860) 920-6633

New and Improved Newborn Screening Information for Parents

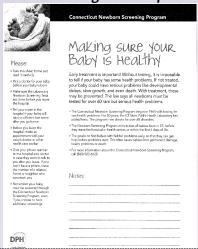


These new black and white NBS tear-off sheets are being shipped out with NBS specimen card orders.

Please distribute to all new parents

(Feel free to use up your existing stock of color NBS brochures before switching to the tear-off sheets)

Available in English and Spanish



Birthweights

Did you know that entering the wrong birthweight (BW) in Maven can cause a delay in identifying a baby with a serious and possibly life-threatening condition?

The NBS program uses BWs when interpreting results for Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia (CAH) screening. Whether we call a NBS result normal or abnormal is directly related to the BW as entered in Maven.

Any change to a BW (or other demographic information) in Maven after a barcode has been printed must be reported to the NBS follow-up unit @ 860-920-6628



Reminder

Always double-check birthweights before exiting a newly created Maven record and before printing the barcode

Hospital Visits Resuming

Visits to birth hospitals, birthing centers and midwifery groups by the CT Newborn Screening Nurse Consultants are resuming. If your facility has not received a visit this calendar year, your nurse manager will be contacted in the near future to schedule one.

The purpose of these visits is to get to know our stakeholders, gain a better understanding of your NBS process, review QI measures, provide NBS updates and determine what your program needs from the CT NBS Program.

We encourage you to invite a few key staff members to this meeting, such as lead Maven data entry staff, laboratory staff, NBN/NICU nursing staff, neonatology staff, administrators, or anyone with a stake in newborn screening.