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**MEMORANDUM**

Date: July 17, 2025

To: All providers of Newborn Screening (NBS) specimens

From: M. Christine Dorley Ph.D., Division Chief NBS Laboratory  
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Subject: **Newborn screening on babies 6 months of age or greater**

Effective September 1, 2025, the Maryland Newborn Screening (NBS) program will no longer accept specimens for babies aged six months or older. Newborn screening is specifically designed to detect disorders in the newborn period, before symptoms appear. The program's reference ranges are optimized for this early detection window.

For any questions or concerns regarding the screening of older infants, we recommend consulting with your local clinical genetics center. They can provide guidance on appropriate testing, if needed.

To request the return of a specimen card for a baby six months or older, please email the lab at [mdphl.nbs@maryland.gov](mailto:mdphl.nbs@maryland.gov).

Thank you for your cooperation as we work to improve the Maryland NBS program.