



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH  
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DIRECTOR

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Dear Hospital Administrator:

The Department of Community Health administers the Michigan Newborn Screening Program under the authority of Public Act 14, of 1987. This program provides testing of infants for congenital disorders that, if not detected, would result in serious disability or death. The statute also requires that the fee charged to support this program be adjusted to reflect: 1) the cumulative annual percentage change in the Detroit Consumer Price Index; and, 2) the addition of new disorders to the newborn screening panel.

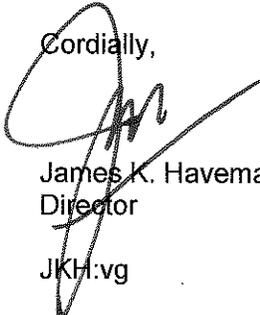
The annual percentage change in the Detroit Consumer Price Index was 1.3 percent this year. Beginning October 1, 2014, the Department of Community Health will apply the \$1.39 (1.3 percent) increase to the cost of each newborn screening card purchased. In addition, as recommended by the Newborn Screening Quality Assurance Advisory Committee and approved by the Legislature, there will be an additional fee of \$4.50 to cover the cost of technical assistance to hospitals, data collection, follow-up, monitoring and evaluation of Critical Congenital Heart Disease (CCHD) screening; and a fee of \$12.70 to cover the costs associated with new laboratory instruments and other preparations needed to screen for Pompe Disease (a lysosomal storage disorder), with screening expected to begin in the fall of 2015. These changes will increase the cost of each newborn screening card from the current \$106.77 to \$125.36.

Also, beginning this fall, the Department of Community Health will implement a new web-based system for ordering newborn screening cards and related educational materials. The online system will require payment (either by e-check or credit card) *prior* to the shipment of any new screening cards. The anticipated start date is October 1 and your purchasing staff will receive additional detailed information regarding web navigation of the new card ordering process as it becomes available.

Our Newborn Screening Program, in cooperation with Michigan birthing hospitals, has diagnosed and assured early treatment for more than 5,400 newborns with serious congenital disorders since the program's inception. With the addition of Pompe disease, the newborn screening panel will include 56 disorders.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Dr. William Young, the Director of Michigan's Newborn Screening Follow-up and Medical Management Program, at (517) 335-8806.

Cordially,



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