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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH  
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DIRECTOR

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Dear Hospital Administrator:

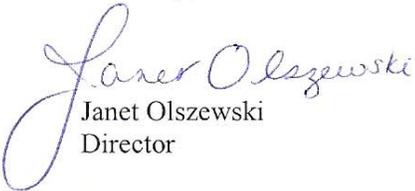
As you know, the Department of Community Health administers the Newborn Screening Program under the authority of Public Act 14, of 1987. This program provides testing of infants for genetic disorders that, if not properly detected, would result in serious disability or death. The statute also requires that the fee charged to support this program be adjusted annually "to reflect the cumulative annual percentage change in the Detroit Consumers Price Index (CPI)."

Beginning October 1, 2009, the Department of Community Health will apply the 1.5% decrease in the Detroit CPI to the cost of each newborn screening card purchased that will change the fee from \$88.18 to \$86.86.

Although it receives little publicity, the Newborn Screening Program is a needed health prevention effort. By continuing the testing followed by referral, diagnostic and medical management services, we believe we have developed an integrated and highly effective program to prevent or reduce the consequences of a number of major genetic disorders. You have played an integral role in its development and conduct, and we are very proud of the success of this partnership.

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) 335-8938.

Sincerely,

  
Janet Olszewski  
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