STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH
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JAMES K. HAVEMAN
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 addition of new disorders to the newborn screening panel and, 2) the cumulative annual percentage change in the Detroit Consumer Price Index. The annual percentage change in the Detroit Consumer Price Index was 3.3 percent.

Beginning October 1, 2013, the Department of Community Health will apply the $3.24 (3.3 percent) increase in the Detroit Consumer Price Index to the cost of each newborn screening card purchased. In addition, the fee will be increased by an additional $5.45, as recommended by the Newborn Screening Quality Assurance Advisory Committee and approved by the legislature, to cover Sunday courier specimen delivery, laboratory testing and follow-up for cystic fibrosis, biotinidase deficiency and hemoglobin H disease. These changes will increase the cost of each newborn screening card from the current $98.08 to $106.77.

Our Newborn Screening Program, in cooperation with Michigan birthing hospitals, has diagnosed and assured early treatment for 5,178 newborns with serious congenital disorders since the program's inception. The current newborn screening panel includes 54 disorders.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Dr. William Young, the Director of Michigan's Newborn Screening Medical Management Program, at (517) 335-8938.

Cordially,

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cc: Hospital Newborn Screening Coordinator
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