INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND SENDING

COMPLETION OF FORM
1. Legibly print and complete all information required. Be sure to use red ink.
2. List subscriber's return address.
3. Include provider or pharmacist who will be following the infant for well care.
4. List the mother's name, address, and phone number.

COLLECTION OF THE BLOOD SPECIMEN
1. Do not touch the filter paper strip before or after collection.
2. Select sections of filter paper that have remained dry. Discard any that show moisture.
3. Let the filter paper strip hang for 30-45 minutes or until thoroughly dry.
4. Gently touch the filter paper strip to a clean dry surface, and apply sufficient pressure to ensure that the strip is firmly attached.
5. The filter paper strip should be removed from the infant's heel within 5 minutes of collection.
6. Do not mix filter paper strips from different infants.
7. Store the filter paper strip in a clean, dry, and cool place until it is ready to be mailed.

SEND SPECIMENS TO:

Newborn Screening Laboratory
Newborn Screening Program: (517) 335-6235
Pediatric Program: (517) 336-6102
www.michigan.gov/newbornscreening

To order newborn screening cards, order newborn screening mailing envelopes, call (517) 335-6235

SEND SPECIMENS WITHIN 24 HOURS OF COLLECTION BY COURIER.