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ROBERT GORDON
DIRECTOR

August 31, 2020

Dear Hospital Administrator:

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

The annual percentage change in the Detroit Consumer Price Index was 0.5 percent from June 2019 to June 2020. On October 1, 2020, the Department will apply a \$0.68 increase to the cost of each first sample (blue) newborn screening card purchased and a \$0.61 increase to the cost of each repeat sample (pink) card purchased to reflect this change. As recommended by the Newborn Screening Quality Assurance Advisory Committee and approved by the Legislature, an additional fee of \$1.13 to cover the costs associated with screening for spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) will be added on October 1, 2020. Screening for SMA began in March 2020. Effective October 1, 2020, the cost for a first sample test card will be \$137.10 (from \$135.29) and the cost for a repeat sample card will be \$124.34 (from \$122.60).

As recommended by the Newborn Screening Quality Assurance Advisory Committee and approved by the Legislature, the disorder guanidinoacetate methyltransferase (GAMT) deficiency has been approved for addition to Michigan's newborn screening panel. Screening for this disorder will likely commence in 2021. A fee to cover the costs associated with screening for GAMT deficiency will not be added to the current cost of the cards at this time but is anticipated for inclusion in October 2021. The fee increase for GAMT deficiency is projected to be \$0.39.

The Michigan Newborn Screening Program has a proud history of accomplishments. In cooperation with Michigan birthing hospitals, nearly all Michigan newborns are screened every year and over 275 are diagnosed with conditions on the blood spot panel. We are grateful for your partnership in making the statewide newborn screening system a success.

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If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Mary Kleyn, manager of Michigan's Newborn Screening Follow-up Program, at (517) 335-9296 or via email at kleynm@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,



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