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DIRECTOR

September 26, 2024

Re: Fee Increase on Michigan Newborn Screening Card Effective January 1, 2025

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: 1) the cumulative annual percentage change in the Detroit Consumer Price Index; and 2) the addition of new tests to the newborn screening panel.

The annual percentage change in the Detroit Consumer Price Index was 3.4 percent from June 2023 to June 2024. Per MCL 333.5431, the Department must apply a \$5.66 increase to the fee for each first sample (blue) newborn screening card. This also translates to a \$5.13 increase to the fee for each repeat sample (pink) newborn screening card. As recommended by the Newborn Screening Quality Assurance Advisory Committee and approved by the legislature, there will be a revision of the fee for Mucopolysaccharidosis Type I from \$4.84 to \$5.98 and Pompe disease from \$6.10 to \$7.24 to reflect a change in testing methodology from digital microfluidics to mass spectrometry; and a revision of the fee for guanidinoacetate methyltransferase deficiency from \$0.39 to \$0.68 to reflect increased costs associated with enhanced preventative maintenance necessary for the assay. As such, effective **January 1, 2025**, the fee for a first sample test card will be \$174.61 (from \$166.38) and the fee for a repeat sample card will be \$158.63 (from \$150.93).

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. These early diagnoses are critical to allow those diagnosed to quickly receive the necessary lifesaving or life-altering treatment. 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 Shelby Heppe, manager of Michigan's Newborn Screening Follow-up Program, at (517) 285-0382 or heppes@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,



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