



Unsatisfactory Specimen: Expired Card

Background:

- Specimens collected on an expired Newborn Screening card may result in inaccurate testing results. A repeat specimen will be required. This can lead to critical delays in identifying serious health issues for the infant.

Tips to Avoid Collecting on an Expired Card:

- All Newborn Screening (NBS) cards have an expiration date. Please check the date prior to collecting the sample.
- For easy recognition, the current NBS cards contain a Notes Field in the lower right-hand corner. An expired card will not have a Notes Field.
- If an expired card is found, please immediately inform your manager or your hospital's designated Newborn Screening Coordinator. An audit of remaining cards should be completed to ensure all expired cards are removed from stock.
- Expired cards can be submitted to the NBS Program for reimbursement. The **NBS Replacement Form** located in the MDHHS Newborn Screening Guide for Hospitals (appendix 6). This guide can be accessed at Michigan.gov/NewbornScreening in the section titled "Resources for Hospitals and Health Professionals".

Expiration Date location (older cards date will be in lower right corner)

New cards will have a Notes Field (expired cards do not have a Notes section)