

February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**To:** Newborn Bloodspot Screening submitters: birth facilities, clinics, community birth providers

**From:** Northwest Regional Newborn Bloodspot Screening Program

**Subject:** NEW Specimen Collection Card Exchange Process and Ordering

**The Northwest Regional Newborn Bloodspot Program will begin distribution of the NEW specimen collection card on Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup>. After May 30<sup>th</sup>, all submitters must use the new specimen collection cards for newborn bloodspot screening.**

### **Can old specimen collection cards be exchanged for the new cards?**

Beginning Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, you will be able to exchange the old specimen collection cards for new cards by following these 3 steps:

1. Fill out the online [Specimen Collection Card Exchange Form](#).
2. Print a copy of the exchange form to send with your old specimen collection cards.
3. Send the old specimen collection cards and the exchange form to the state lab.

Keep a 2-week supply of old cards on hand while we process your exchange. Once your shipment is received you can expect new cards to ship in 7-10 business days. Facilities can make more than one exchange if needed.

### **When will the card exchange program end?**

You will have three months to exchange the old specimen collection cards for the new ones. After May 30<sup>th</sup>, all submitters must use the new specimen collection cards for newborn bloodspot screening.

### **How can I order the new specimen collection cards?**

New specimen collection cards will be available to order beginning Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup>. No changes have been made to the ordering process. Specimen collection cards can be ordered using the [online portal](#) for credit card purchases or by [paper form](#) for check/money order purchases.

Please reach out to the newborn screening program with any questions at (503) 693-4174 or [nwregional.nbs@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:nwregional.nbs@odhsoha.oregon.gov).