Public Health Division

Oregon State Public Health Laboratory

Northwest Regional Newborn Bloodspot Screening

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To: Oregon birth facilities and community birth providers

The Oregon Newborn Bloodspot Screening Program is seeking your input.

The Oregon Newborn Bloodspot Screening Program is considering a change to the process for ordering and payment of collection kits (NBS cards). We are seeking input from clients and partners to help inform this potential process change.

Please forward this notice to any individual involved with NBS card orders and your facility's accounts payable department.

Current Process for NBS Cards:

NBS cards are currently pre-purchased by birthing facilities and community birth providers. NBS cards are mailed to the facilities and providers after payment is confirmed.

- Checks or money orders are sent to the state accounts receivables team.
- Credit card payments are entered into an online portal to order cards.

Proposed Future Process for NBS Cards:

Facilities and providers will be billed after testing of screening specimen is complete. The cost of testing would be charged to the birthing facility or practice of record.

- A billing statement will be sent to the birth facility or practice of record. The statement will include a list of patient samples received during the month invoiced.
- NBS card orders (single, double and triple kits) will be sent to all birth facilities without pre-payment.

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What should I do to prepare for this change?

The program is especially interested in receiving contact information from those who process payments for NBS cards. Please complete the NBS Billing Project Contact Form to add your name to the project contact list.

Individuals on this list will receive important project updates and will have opportunities to provide input during the planning process.

Who should I contact with questions?

Please contact Sara Etienne, Newborn Screening Program Analyst at Sara.etienne@oha.oregon.gov or 503-509-3048 with questions about this project.

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