

## More information about Newborn Bloodspot Screening

### ***Information about sample storage and use:***

After the blood sample has been tested, it is kept within our program until further notice to make sure it can be used to benefit your child in the future. The samples that show a positive result are sometimes used to help our program make sure that we find all of these rare, serious disorders in all infants tested. The samples are kept in a secure freezer, and only removed for further testing at the request of the parent, your baby's doctor and our program. Specimens can be destroyed at the parent's request.

### ***Information about testing:***

Screening for these 33 disorders may show information about other disorders that have similar test results. Your baby's doctor will talk with you about any positive test results or possible health problems. Screening may also show that a baby carries only one gene change for a condition. Most babies who only have one gene change will not get sick from the condition.

The Maine Newborn Bloodspot Screening provides information on some rare disorders of body chemistry. These screening tests may not pick up all newborns with these rare disorders. Even if the results of these screening tests are normal, there may be other medical problems that cannot be detected by these tests. It is important for your baby to have regular check-ups and good medical care. This blood test is only a screen.

### ***Information about services or follow-up:***

If your baby does have one of these disorders, the program will make sure your baby's doctor knows where your baby can get specialty medical treatment if needed. You may be contacted by Children's Developmental Services (CDS) to offer to check your baby for developmental delays or learning problems. Also, some of the information gathered at your baby's doctor's office will be shared with us to help us make sure that your baby is getting the best care possible.

The Newborn Screening laws can be viewed online at [www.mainepublichealth.gov/bloodspot](http://www.mainepublichealth.gov/bloodspot).