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TO: All Submitters of Newborn Screens

FROM: Missouri State Public Health Laboratory

SUBJECT: Newborn Screening Laboratory Report Access Portal

Throughout 2015, the Missouri State Public Health Laboratory (MSPHL) has been encouraging the use of its secure web-based portal for submitters of newborn screening (NBS) samples to have electronic access to their patients' NBS reports. The majority of hospitals and birthing centers have now completed the steps required to gain access to this valuable portal, and have been using it on a daily basis.

Please Note: Beginning July 1, 2016, the MSPHL will no longer provide hard copy NBS laboratory reports to submitting hospitals, and use of the NBS portal will be mandatory to obtain copies of your NBS laboratory reports.

Advantages to utilizing the NBS Laboratory Report Access Portal:

1. Hospitals can check the portal on a daily basis to make sure the MSPHL has received their NBS samples (This type of tracking is now a CAP requirement for hospitals.).
2. The NBS laboratory reports on the portal are identical to the hard copy NBS reports that are mailed out.
3. Hospitals can print and/or save a pdf copy of the NBS laboratory report as soon as the testing has been completed by the MSPHL.
4. It will improve turn-around-time by eliminating the time encountered due to the printing of the laboratory reports by MSPHL, preparing envelopes, and mail delivery times.
5. Hospitals can conduct NBS result inquiries when it is convenient for them (24/7).
6. Hospital emergency rooms (ER) can quickly access NBS results on sick babies in an emergency situation to rule out the genetic/metabolic disorders screened by the MSPHL while they are conducting clinical assessments in the ER where time is very critical.
7. It will allow hospitals to continually and more accurately track the timeliness of NBS testing from sample collection through transport, testing and reporting.
8. It will allow both the hospital and the MSPHL to convert to paperless reporting.
9. Entities can decide who in the facility needs access to this application.

If your hospital has not yet gained access to the NBS Laboratory Report Access Portal, please contact Dennis Schmitz at 573-751-2662 or email dennis.schmitz@health.mo.gov for information.

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