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ATTENTION: NEWBORN SCREENING (NBS) HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

The Bureau of Clinical Laboratories (BCL) will begin shipping a new lot of NBS filter paper forms once the current supply is exhausted. The new forms are color coded to help easily identify the type of form.

• The new "A" forms have an expiration date of March 31, 2022. The stripe at the top of the form and on the envelope is *orange*.

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• The new "B" forms have an expiration date of March 31, 2022. The stripe at the top of the form and on the envelope is *purple*.

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• Please continue to use the current lot of forms until their expiration date (3-31-2020) or until your supply is depleted before using the new forms. The expiration date can be found on the filter paper portion of the form where the blood is collected. See red arrow below:



• Note: Any specimens collected on an expired filter paper form will be reported as unsatisfactory. Always check the expiration date on the NBS card before collecting a specimen.

Contact Danita Rollin at 334-260-3476 if you have any questions regarding this bulletin.

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