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# Newborn Screening 411

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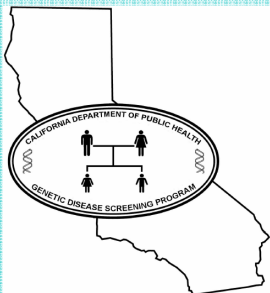
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## Important Reminders

- Many of you have received the new version of the newborn screening test request form (TRF). If you still have a supply of the previous version, please exhaust your supply before using the new forms.
- On the new TRFs, be sure to provide *both* the “TPN” information and the “All feeding” information. For the “TPN” section, please mark “yes” if the baby was receiving TPN or amino acids at the time of collection, otherwise mark “no.” For the “All feeding” section, please provide *all* nutrition since birth.

## Upcoming Events—please save the date

In September 2008, your Newborn Screening Area Service Center at Rady Children’s Hospital San Diego held an Open House in honor of Newborn Screening Awareness Month. Thank you to all who were able to attend. This year, we will be taking our Open House on the road! We hope you will be able to attend one of the following events:

In Riverside County:

Thursday, September 3, 2009  
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
Riverside County Regional Medical Center

In Orange County:

Tuesday, September 30, 2009  
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
Children’s Hospital Orange County

More details will be available in future newsletters and correspondence. We hope to see you then!

## Thank You for a Job Well Done!

We are pleased to report that we have seen a decrease in the number of inadequate specimens from the facilities in our coverage area (San Diego, Imperial, Orange, and Riverside Counties). March 2009 was the most impressive with only seven specimens deemed inadequate due to poor collection technique or other errors. We really appreciate your efforts and your commitment to the Newborn Screening Program. Thank you and keep up the good work!

# TRF Copy Distribution Reminder

The NAPS labs continue to receive sender and parent copies of the TRF in error. Please remember to distribute the pages appropriately.

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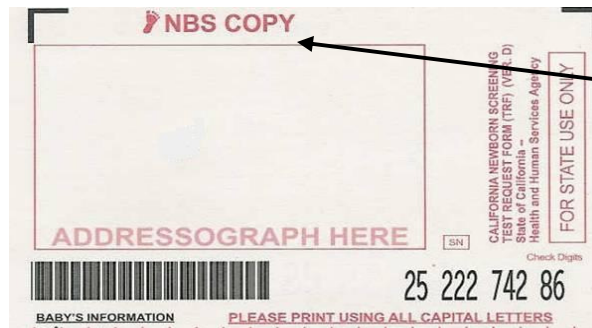
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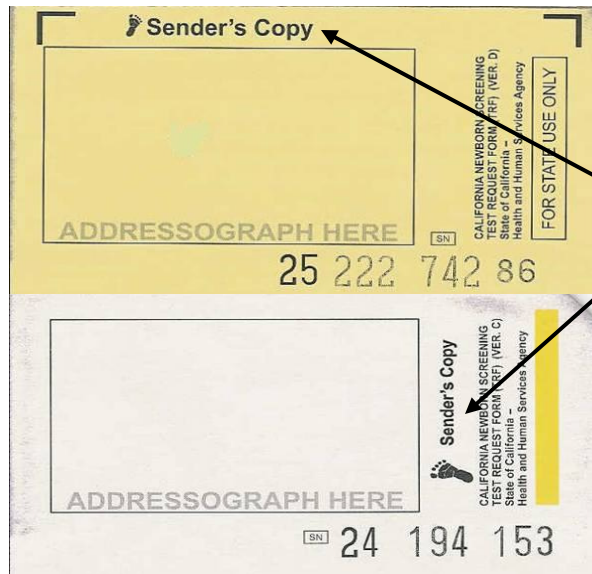
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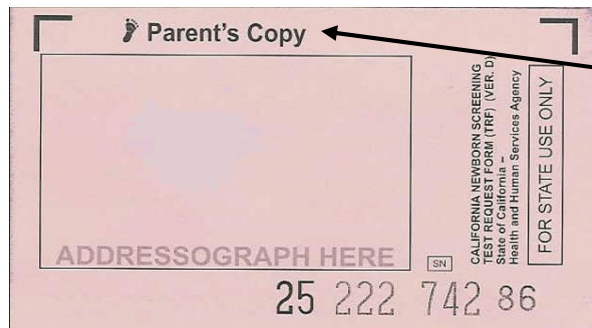
Each page is to be distributed as indicated on the page.



The original white (top) copy is to remain attached to the blood collection card and sent to the NAPS lab.



The yellow copy (or copy with a yellow bar) is your facility's copy and is to be placed in the medical record.



The pink copy, with the blue page containing privacy information attached, is to be given to the parent or legal guardian. Tell him/her to show it to the baby's doctor at the first visit.