

**Are you sending bloodspot specimens on cards that recently expired?** Please check the expiration date on all bloodspot collection kits **BEFORE** placing blood on the card! **Some cards expired on December 31, 2011.**

Blood collected on an expired card will not be accepted for analysis by the Office of Newborn Screening Laboratory Services.

The specimen will be labeled as "Unsatisfactory-Expired Card"; this means that the baby will have to have another heel stick to provide an acceptable specimen for testing.

**Where is the Expiration Date on the bloodspot card?** [Indicated in the diagram]

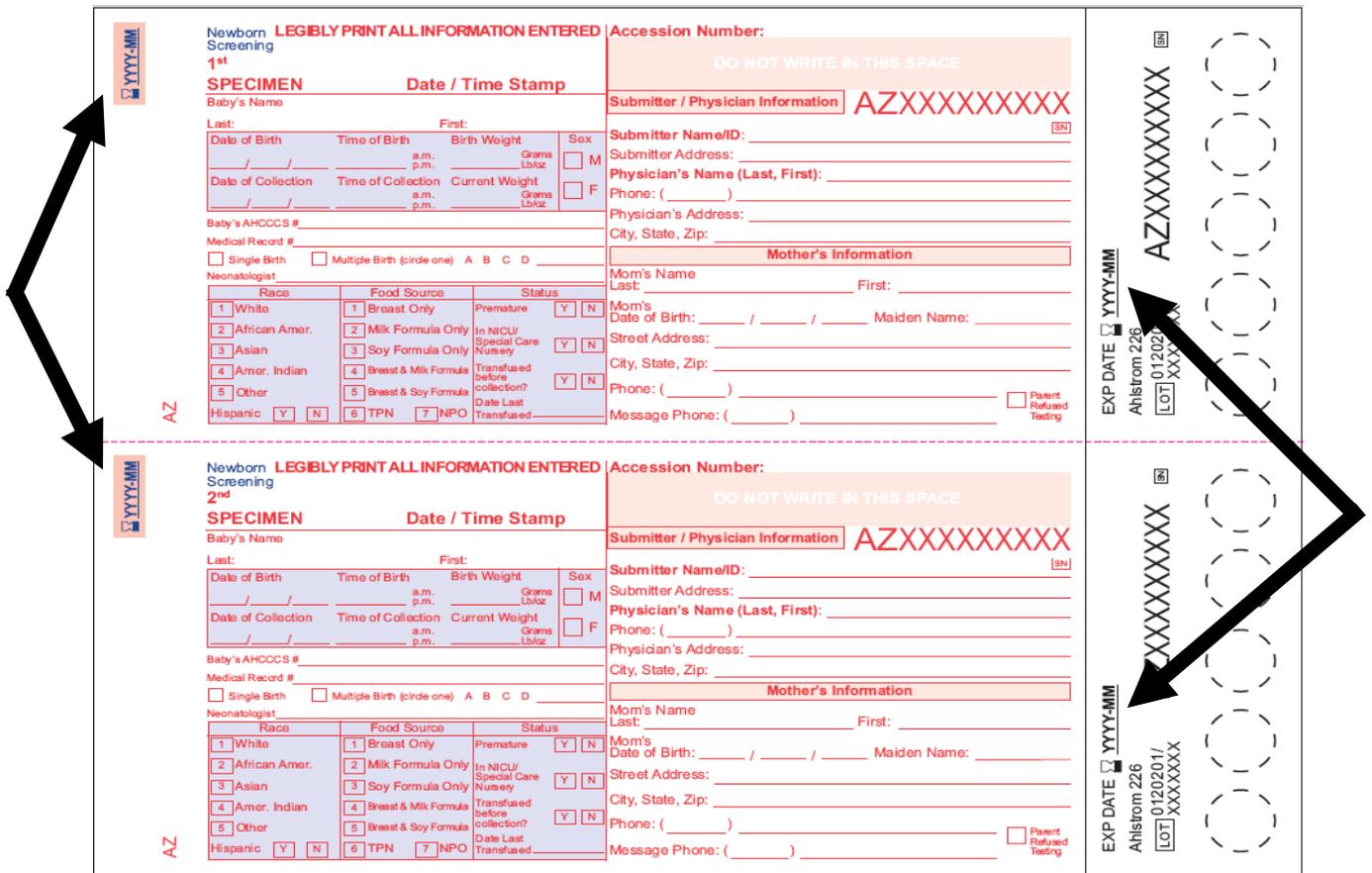
The expiration date is printed on the lower right hand corner of the card above the blood circles and is written like this "2011-12"; open the flap to see it.

If you have the NEW card style, there is an additional location on the top left corner, highlighted in pink. Those cards expire in either 2012 or 2014.

**Order cards with later expiration dates using this order form.**

[http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/owch/pdf/st\\_lab\\_req\\_kit.pdf](http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/owch/pdf/st_lab_req_kit.pdf)

Please pass this information on to whoever is in charge of your card supply.



The diagram illustrates two examples of newborn screening cards, labeled '1st' and '2nd'. Each card is divided into several sections:

- Top Left:** A pink box containing 'YYYY-MM' for the expiration date. An arrow points to this box on the '1st' card.
- Top Right:** A large white box labeled 'DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE' for the 'Accession Number'.
- Middle Left:** 'SPECIMEN' section with 'Date / Time Stamp' and 'Baby's Name'.
- Middle Right:** 'Submitter / Physician Information' section with fields for 'Submitter Name/ID', 'Submitter Address', 'Physician's Name (Last, First)', 'Phone', and 'Physician's Address'.
- Bottom Left:** 'Neonatology' section with tables for 'Race', 'Food Source', and 'Status'.
- Bottom Right:** 'Mother's Information' section with fields for 'Mom's Name', 'Date of Birth', 'Maiden Name', 'Street Address', 'City, State, Zip', 'Phone', and 'Message Phone'.
- Far Right:** A vertical strip containing 'EXP DATE', 'Anlistrom 226', and 'LOT' followed by a series of circles for blood collection. An arrow points to the 'EXP DATE' field on the '2nd' card.

Both cards show 'AZ' in the top left corner and 'AZXXXXXXXXXX' in the 'Submitter / Physician Information' section.