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Dear Newborn Screening Partner,

The Newborn Screening Case Management Program will implement a new protocol for tracking and management of abnormal results for hemoglobinopathies detected by the newborn screen starting February 13, 2012.

The Case Management program will continue to coordinate appropriate follow up with primary care providers, hematologists and families for infants with abnormal results for hemoglobin disorders. However, we will discontinue follow up for hemoglobin traits. The State Public Health laboratory anticipates no impact on the Program's ability to detect and coordinate confirmatory diagnostic testing and treatment for affected infants. The new follow up protocol for abnormal results for hemoglobinopathies will be handled as follows:

Primary Hemoglobin Disorders: FS, FSA, FSC

NO CHANGE in follow up. This means that the follow up program will continue to notify and work with the primary Care Physician (PCP), family and contracted hematologists until a final diagnosis is obtained.

Other Hemoglobin Disorders: FC, FE, FU, Hemoglobin H Disease, or others

NEW! Notification of results by fax to the ADHS contracted hematologist. Laboratory results will be mailed to the submitting agency and the PCP. No further follow up with PCP or family. It will be the role of the PCP to inform parents about the results and consult with a pediatric hematologist.

Hemoglobin Traits: FAS, FAC, FAE/O, FAD/G, FAU, Barts and other traits

NEW! No follow up with PCP or family. Laboratory results will be mailed to the submitting agency and to the PCP. It will be the role of the PCP to inform parents about the results. Advice and special considerations for infants with hemoglobin traits are available at www.aznewborn.com

If you have questions or concerns regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact Ward Jacox, Chief of the Office of Newborn Screening at ward.jacox@azdhs.gov or (602) 364-1409.

Sincerely,

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