I first became aware of our problem regarding lengthy transit times of Newborn Screening samples from Little Colorado Medical Center in Winslow to the Arizona State Laboratory Services when I received an email from my CEO referring to an article published in the Arizona Republic Newspaper. The article pointed out that Little Colorado Medical Center transit time for Newborn Screening samples was beyond the recommended 3 day transit time. I reviewed our procedure regarding Newborn Screening and discovered that we were holding the samples and using FedEx to deliver them only once per week. I immediately had that practice changed to daily (Mon-Fri). This obviously improved the transit time. An easy fix to our unintentional problem.

The training on Newborn Screening Transit Time I completed on January 30th was very helpful when reviewing our Newborn Screening procedure in that the training included collecting and handling as well as transit time.

We at Little Colorado Medical Center Laboratory (including our CEO) are very pleased with our new transit time of slightly more than two days and look forwards to Saturday pickups at our Laboratory by FedEx, thereby hopefully decreasing our transit time to less than two days.

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