

Texas Newborn Screening News



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For the past two years, staff of the **Texas Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (TEHDI) Program** have been revamping educational materials and creating new brochures and fact sheets. The look of the TEHDI Program has changed with a new teddy bear logo and a consistent color scheme. Parent and provider focus groups and TEHDI stakeholders helped guide the TEHDI Program with suggestions for layout design and content. The materials can be broken up into intended audience; beginning with prenatal providers through early intervention service providers. The following materials, in both English and Spanish, are available upon request.

Name of Material	Target Audience	Intention
1-3-6 Guide	All Providers	Flow chart for providers to understand the hearing detection and intervention process.
FAQ Sheet for Providers	Medical Home Providers	To answer some of the commonly asked questions.
Brochure for Health Professionals	Medical Home Providers	To provide an overview of the TEHDI program.
PCP Resource Guide	Medical Home Providers	A comprehensive guide to the TEHDI program.
Information for Parents to Be	Parents	To provide information on hearing screening prior to birth.
Newborn Hearing for Midwives	Midwives	To educate on the newborn hearing screening process.
Sounds of Texas (Eng/Sp)	Parents	To provide information in the hospital regarding the newborn hearing screen in the hospital.
Hearing Screening Result: Did Not Pass (English)	Parents	To provide information and next steps when a newborn does not pass the hearing screen.
Hearing Checklist for Parents (Eng)	Parents	To provide important speech and language milestones to help detect late onset of hearing loss in children.
After the Hearing Screen: More Tests (Eng/Sp)	Parents	Provide more information regarding the diagnostic evaluation after a newborn does not pass the outpatient screen.
Genetics and Hearing	Parents	Provide more information regarding genetic testing after a newborn is diagnosed with hearing loss.
Audiology Desk Tool	Audiologists	Guide for reporting hearing results in the TEHDI system. It is a small booklet that can sit on a desk, like a daily calendar.
Audiology Resource Guide	Audiologists	This is a comprehensive guide to the TEHDI program for audiologists.

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NBS Bloodspot Kits: Text Boxes Missing for “Medicaid No.” Field

Newborn Screening Medicaid/Charity/CHIP demographic forms with serial numbers in the range of 10-0150000 through 10-0300000 were printed without text boxes for the Medicaid number (see example below).

Although there are no boxes for individual digits, the Mother’s Medicaid Number must still be written in the blank space below the printed words “Medicaid No.”.

Forms Missing Text Boxes

This image shows a 'MOTHER INFORMATION' form where the 'Medicaid No.' field is missing its text box. The field is labeled 'Medicaid No.' and is currently blank. Other fields like 'Mother's First Name', 'Social Security #', 'Medicaid Eligible', 'APT No.', 'Zip Code', and 'State' are present with their respective text boxes.

Forms Correctly Displaying Text Boxes

This image shows a 'MOTHER INFORMATION' form where the 'Medicaid No.' field has a text box. The field is labeled 'Medicaid No.' and is currently blank. Other fields like 'Mother's First Name', 'Social Security #', 'Medicaid Eligible', 'APT No.', 'Zip Code', and 'State' are present with their respective text boxes.

This is a full 'Newborn Screening' form. The 'MOTHER INFORMATION' section is highlighted with a black box around the 'Medicaid No.' field. The form includes sections for 'MOTHER INFORMATION', 'NEWBORN INFORMATION', 'BABY'S PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN INFORMATION', and 'SUBMITTER INFORMATION'. A barcode and the number 'TX10-0297118 3' are visible at the bottom. A vertical number '10-0297118' is printed on the right side.

Call the Newborn Screening Laboratory at 1-888-963-7111 X7333 with any questions regarding the Medicaid Number.

Newborn Screening: It's NOT Just “PKU”

Confusion among doctors, hospitals and parents is created when newborn screening tests are called “PKU tests” or “PKU’s”. The term “An abnormal PKU” is often used and misinterpreted as an

abnormal result for any of the 28 screened disorders. Parents look for information on PKU, when in fact, another disorder could be in question. To avoid misleading parents and the NBS

Program, please educate parents and your staff to refer to the test as a “Newborn Screening Test” rather than a “PKU”.
Thank you.
Texas Newborn Screening Program

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Laboratory Contacts 1-800-252-8023

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In Fall 2010, the Texas Newborn Screening Program, Case Management/ follow-up is now referred to as **Clinical Care Coordination**. The Program looks forward to continuing to serve Texans by coordinating clinical care when a newborn has an abnormal screen.

Meet Our New Newborn Screening Ombudsman, Patrick Clynch

We are pleased to introduce our new Newborn Screening Ombudsman, Patrick Clynch. Patrick comes to the Newborn Screening Program from the DSHS Laboratory where he served as the Training Coordinator. He has a Masters in Educational Psychology and is a Licensed Professional Counselor. He has extensive experience in providing counseling and casework services for children, adults and families in a variety of settings.

As the Ombudsman with the Newborn Screening Program, Patrick will be able to apply the experience and associations developed while working at the DSHS Laboratory into assisting any NBS system participant with any problems they may have regarding NBS processes. The combination of

Patrick's education and experience in counseling psychology is a good fit for working with the Newborn Screening Program by assisting individuals and families in obtaining benefits and medical treatment services by working with health care providers, hospitals, and clinics for example.

Patrick is an avid outdoorsman and likes to bike, camp, kayak and fish, and recently began learning to play the Ukulele. For over 15 years, Patrick has provided volunteer labor for nature trail maintenance and construction in private, local, state, and national parks. Please join us in welcoming Patrick to the Program. For assistance with NBS problems you can reach Patrick at patrick.clynch@dshs.state.tx.us or (512) 458-7111 ext. 3386.

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DSHS Recommended Flow for Adolescent Females with Elevated PHE Levels

Some girls are detected at birth as having an elevated phenylalanine level. When the phenylalanine elevation is mild (benign hyperphenalaminia) the child may not need treatment. However, these elevated phenylalanine levels can be harmful to a developing fetus if she becomes pregnant. Use the following flow as a guide for adolescent females with PKU or benign hyperphenalaminia.

