



# WHAT THE STATE LINE MEANS TO YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH

## *Which State Your Child Is Born In Can Mean The Difference In Life Or Death*

Although every state in the US has a newborn screening program, the disorders screened for in each state's test varies from state to state. The state in which your child is born will determine what disorders your child is screened for.

For instance if your child was born in the state of California, he would be screened for 4 disorders. Yet, if he were born in Massachusetts, he would be screened for 28 disorders.

Many families are demanding that all states be uniform in the disorders they screen for and are fighting for uniformity among the programs. They hope that one day the lives of their children won't depend on something as arbitrary as lines on a map.

### Supplemental Screening

The majority of state programs are working to expand the number of disorders they screen for. However, in the mean time, you can still get this important screening yourself. In addition to the screening required by your state, you can seek supplemental screening from private laboratories. Cost for supplemental screening is inexpensive.



To get supplemental screening, contact one of the laboratories below to obtain a screening kit. The kit should be taken to the hospital with you at the time of delivery.

You should speak with your child's doctor about the supplemental screening prior to your expected delivery date. The doctor will receive the results of the screening tests and should be aware that you are obtaining supplemental screening. Many doctors may not know about supplemental screening and **you may have to educate your doctor on the screening**. In addition, some hospitals require a physician's order to perform the screening.

Currently, there are only three laboratories in the United States offering supplemental screening to the public. Please contact them directly for additional information about their screening services and to obtain a screening kit.

#### **Baylor Medical Center**

1-800-4-BAYLOR

[www.baylorhealth.com/newbornscreening](http://www.baylorhealth.com/newbornscreening)

#### **NeoGen Screening**

1-800-892-1288

[www.neogenscreening.com](http://www.neogenscreening.com)

#### **Mayo Medical Laboratories**

1-800-533-1710

[www.mayo.edu/mml/](http://www.mayo.edu/mml/)



### Newborn Screening and Your Older Child

Supplemental screening is available to children of all ages, even adults. Once the child is over a certain age a few of the disorders are not valid but for the most part the test is useful for older children as well. Contact the laboratories listed above for additional information on screening of older children and adults.

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1-888-454-3383