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ALAN LEVINE, SECRETARY

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Dear Hospital Administrators:

Section 383.14, Florida Statutes, requires all Florida newborns be screened through the Newborn Screening Program and allows the Department of Health State Laboratory to bill for allowable newborn screening services. To ensure the Department of Health State Laboratory has the necessary information to bill third party carriers, each hospital must provide the requisite billing information for all babies born at its facility.

On each specimen collection card submitted to the Department of Health State Laboratory, the hospital must include the Medicaid identification number or the private insurance information of either the mother or the newborn. This information must be complete without errors and must be the correct billing information for submitting claims to all third party carriers. Alternatively, a copy of the mother's insurance information or Medicaid identification number may be attached to the specimen collection card.

Thank you in advance for ensuring your facility's immediate compliance. If you have questions, please contact the Department of Health State Laboratory at (904) 791-1641, or Children's Medical Services at (850) 245-4201.

Sincerely,

Alan Levine
Secretary

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