

MLS Laboratory Update: Minnesota Department of Health–Public Health Laboratory (MDH-PHL) Newborn Screening Fee Increase

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Purpose of this Message:

To inform MLS laboratories that the billed amount for each newborn screening specimen card will increase to \$242.35 beginning on July 1, 2025.

Action Item:

Prepare your system for any changes related to newborn screening billing.

Background:

The Minnesota State Legislature passed the health budget, which included a \$7.35 newborn screening fee increase to screen for metachromatic leukodystrophy (MLD). Minnesota Commissioner of Health, Dr. Cunningham, previously approved the addition of MLD to the Minnesota newborn screening panel in April 2025. This means that starting **July 1, 2025**, the price of newborn screening cards will increase from \$235 to \$242.35. Testing of all newborn screening specimen cards received on or after this effective date will be billed at \$242.35. Screening for MLD will not begin July 1, but preparations are underway. Additional communication will be sent out when we have an anticipated date that MLD screening will start.

Laboratory specific information:

No changes by MDH with regards to our method of invoicing or provision of screening cards to our submitters.

Questions: Please contact: MDH-PHL / Newborn Screening

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