



GPHL NBS Billing Guide

Georgia Newborn Screening Program

What is the newborn screening processing fee?

The newborn screening (NBS) dried blood spot (DBS) specimen processing fee is \$96.13 for each specimen submitted to the Georgia Public Health Laboratory (GPHL). No parent shall be denied screening based on inability to pay the specimen processing fee.

Will there be a fee for the initial newborn DBS screening?

Yes. The initial dried blood spot specimen submitted to GPHL for an infant will be invoiced and charged a \$96.13 processing fee regardless of the submitter.

Will there be a fee for a repeat newborn DBS screening?

Any additional DBS specimen(s) submitted to GPHL for an infant will be considered a repeat specimen screening. Repeat specimen screenings will be invoiced as specified below:

- **Repeat NBS DBS Screening Criteria – Not Invoiced (No Fee Charged)**
 - No data or blood on the newborn dried blood spot specimen card.
 - Initial specimen was collected before 24 hours of life.
 - NICU or SCBU required screenings (i.e., Upon admission; between 48-72 hours of life; at 28 days of life or discharge)
 - Infants that received parenteral nutrition prior to DBS collection and were required to repeat screening 48-72 hours after parenteral nutrition was discontinued.
 - Infants <34 weeks gestational age at birth or <2,000 grams at birth and were recommended to repeat screening at 28 days of life.
 - Infants who received blood transfusion/blood products/ECMO prior to DBS collection and were required to repeat screening 120 days after blood receipt. One (1) repeat DBS specimen will be allowed and not charged a fee.
 - Prior abnormal result. Repeat testing was requested by GPHL or the Newborn Screening Follow-Up Programs.
 - GPHL error.

- **Repeat NBS DBS Screening Criteria – Invoiced (Fee Charged / \$96.13)**
 - Prior unsatisfactory specimen from the same submitter.
 - General provider request without medical necessity (see above exceptions).
 - Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) with >3 specimens per infant.
 - Failure to use the UPS transportation system resulting in specimen arrival at GPHL more than **10** days after collection (e.g., improper batching specimens).

Invoices are mailed monthly from the Georgia Department of Public Health to the submitter. Contact NBSlab.billing@dph.ga.gov with invoice questions.

Please visit dph.ga.gov/NBS-Providers for more information and to review the **Georgia Newborn Screening Policy and Procedure Manual**.