Newborn Screening Specimen Timeline in the Laboratory

**Day 1**
- Specimen arrives, is reviewed and prepared for testing
- Testing and demographic entry begin

**Day 2**
- Demographic entry completed
- Testing completed for time critical disorders
- Clinical Care Coordination contacts provider about out-of-range critical results

**Day 3**
- Testing completed for remaining disorders
- Clinical Care Coordination contacts provider about out-of-range results for remaining disorders
- Test result reports are mailed, faxed, or transmitted to HL7 participating facilities, and are available on a secure online site

Most testing complete*

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**Facts about the Texas Newborn Screening Laboratory**
- Texas screens for over 50 genetic disorders and hypothyroidism
- Approximately 380,000 babies are screened each year
- Approximately 750,000 specimens tested each year
- 2000 – 3000 specimens are received and processed 6 days a week

*Note: Timeline shown in business days

*Specimens requiring additional testing are completed and reported after day 3. Clinical Care Coordination contacts the provider about any out-of-range results.

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