Newborn Screening Program Benefits

Your newborn may qualify for the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Newborn Screening (NBS) Program Benefits. Testing your child for a specific genetic disorder may be covered if that disorder has been identified through the Texas Newborn Screening Program.

Benefits Provided
- Confirmatory testing and evaluation
- Dietary supplements (metabolic foods, low-protein foods)
- Office visits and follow-up care
- Medications
- Vitamins

Eligibility Requirements
Infants, children, and adults are prioritized by need as funds are available and meet the following:
- Are diagnosed with a disorder identified by the Newborn Screening Program
- Have family income at or below 350% of federal poverty income level
- Are a bona fide resident of the State of Texas

Not Eligible
If the child is covered or is eligible for other benefits including: Medicaid, Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN can be covered if on the waiting list) Children’s Health Insurance Plan (CHIP), CHIP Perinatal, Title V Genetic Services, or private insurance; he or she is not eligible.

For more information about the Newborn Screening Benefits Program, call 1-800-252-8023 ext. 2983 or email NBSBenefits@dshs.texas.gov.