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NewSTEPS Data Repository Data Elements

1. Case Level Data

- **Demographics:** State Unique ID; Date of Birth*; Gestational Age; Birth Weight; Biological Sex, Race, Ethnicity
- **Screening information:** Was prenatal testing done; Which newborn screen result indicated this infant was at risk for the disorder; Was this individual diagnosed later in life (not identified by newborn screening); Screening dates* (initial/subsequent) – date of specimen collection, receipt by lab, release of out of range results; Date of intervention by appropriate medical provider; Date of confirmation of diagnosis
- **Case definition information:** diagnostic information (post newborn screen) – varies by disorder. Please see the [case definition worksheets](#) for more details

2. Quality Indicators (QIs)

- Aggregate data for 8 QIs that are described in the [quality indicators source document](#)

3. State Profiles

- Program Overview
 - Annual births by year
 - Name of state NBS program
 - Region of state NBS program
 - Website of state NBS program
 - Number of required screens
 - Responsible laboratory by name and type
 - Screening card image document and/or link
 - Hearing screening form document and/or link
- Disorders Screened (Core, Secondary, Other)
 - Category of disorder screening - not screened, universally screened, likely to be detected and reported due to screening of another disorder, offered to select populations
 - Subcategory of disorder screening - required by law or rule, not required by law or rule
 - Testing methodology for first and second screen– first tier, second tier, third tier
 - Testing method's target – first tier method target, second tier method target, third tier method target
 - Testing equipment
 - Proposed/ actual implementation date for universal screening
- Policies

Case Definitions Worksheets: https://www.newsteps.org/sites/default/files/case-definitions/case_definitions_master_0.pdf

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- Specimen collection
 - Recommended initial screening age
 - Recommended second screening age
 - Second screen policy
 - NICU CLSI guideline adoption status
 - NICU CLSI guideline adoption description
- Specimen transport, receipt, storage, and retention
 - Courier service usage status
 - Definition of specimen receipt at lab
 - Recording of specimen receipt at lab
 - Dried blood spot retention time
 - Dried blood spot storage conditions
 - Data retention policy exists?
 - Data storage period for normal specimen data
 - Data storage period for abnormal specimen data
- Consent
 - Consent for newborn screening
 - Opt out policy
 - Opt out recording method
 - Consent recording method
 - Residual specimen uses
 - Specimens consented for research?
 - Specimen sharing policies
- Follow-up
 - Short-term follow-up definition
 - Short-term follow-up description
 - Unique follow-up methods
 - Follow-up period for inconclusive diagnosis
 - Long-term follow-up activities?
 - Long-term follow-up description
- Analysis
 - Process for reporting missed diagnoses?
 - Missed diagnosis reporting process
 - Matching NBS records to find unscreened babies?
 - Matching data system?
 - Result matching method

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- Unsatisfactory specimen testing policy
- Operations
 - Provide emergency/disaster support
 - Provide emergency/ disaster agreement in place?
 - Provide emergency/ disaster plan written?
 - Provide emergency/ disaster plan testing frequency?
 - Receive emergency/ disaster support policy?
 - Receive emergency/ disaster support policy description
 - Receive emergency/ disaster support agreement in place?
 - Receive emergency/ disaster support plan written?
 - Receive emergency/ disaster support plan testing frequency?
 - Continuity of operations plan (COOP) exists?
 - COOP exercised?
- Adding to the NBS Panel (General Info, Lab, POC)
 - National recommendations followed?
 - National recommendation implementation time frame
 - Pilot studies required before implementation?
 - Feasibility study done?
- Fees:
 - Funding
 - Newborn screening funding sources
 - Fee collection method
 - Fee holding location
 - Fees – initial screen fee, repeat screen fee, second screen fee
 - Fee use details
 - Fee notes
- Program Structure
 - NBS system organizational chart
 - Shared duties
 - Follow-up on unsatisfactory specimens
 - Follow-up on borderline results
 - Laboratory test performance evaluation
 - Formal communication structure
 - Lab operating hours
 - Weekend lab activities
 - Holiday lab activities
 - Inclement weather work policy

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- NBS program staffing level
- STFU responsible parties
- Certification program
- Proficiency tests
- Program information
- NBS educational information languages
- Contacts (Program, Director, Program Manager, Lab, Follow-Up, EHDI, CCHD, HIT)
 - Main contact
 - Alternate contact
- Advisory Committee
 - Existing advisory committee?
 - Advisory committee voluntary?
 - Committee structure
 - Charge/ bylaws
 - Meeting frequency
 - Meeting minutes link
- IT Support
 - Lab information system
 - Follow-up information system
 - Staffing levels
 - IT support description
 - NBS data backup frequency?
 - Data loss amount from database failure?
 - Data loss amount from instrument failure
 - IT infrastructure recovery time
 - Disaster recovery hardware
 - IT part of COOP
 - Redundant off-site operations exists?
 - Redundant on-site operations exists?
- HIT Elements
 - HL7 order messages accepted?
 - Number of birthing centers submitting HL7 orders
 - Number of HL7 orders received for specimen testing
 - HL7 results messages sent?
 - Number of birthing centers receiving HL7 results
 - Number of HL7 specimen results sent
 - HL7 implementation guide used
 - Terminology standards used

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- Web portal for sharing data related to the NBS present?
- Web portal for DBS test orders and demographic data entry present?
- Number of birthing centers using DBS order and demographic data entry web portal
- Number of specimens entered into DBS order and demographic data entry web portal
- Web portal for NBS results reporting present?
- Number of birthing centers using NBS results retrieval portal?
- Submitter performance feedback portal present?
- Submitters performance feedback portal description
- Alternative performance feedback method present?
- Alternative performance feedback method description
- Databases integrated with NBS information systems
- How are hearing results integrated with DBS results?
- How are CCHD results integrated with DBS results?
- What is the implementation status of a statewide HIE?
- What is the status of your NBS program exchanging data with the statewide HIE?
- HIE interfacing funds received?
- Who can access NBS results sent to/through the HIE?
- How are NBS results shared via the HIE sent to birthing facilities/ pediatric providers?
- What other databases interface with the HIE?

* Please note that dates are collected only in the browser for the purpose of calculating differences in dates (i.e., days elapsed between birth and screening) – aside from birth year, no date is stored in the system

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