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Dear Laboratory Manager,

The Minnesota Newborn Screening program is pleased to announce that within the next couple months, we will screen for spinal muscular atrophy (SMA). The addition of SMA will not add to the cost of newborn screening specimen cards at this time. Early identification and treatment will have significant benefits for children with this serious neuromuscular disorder.

With this new addition, there will be changes to our newborn screening reports. Enclosed is a sample of what the new report will look like, including changes to the footnotes. Below are potential result outcomes that may be included on your patients' reports:

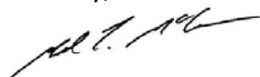
Disorder/Profile	Value	Result	Expected Range
Spinal Muscular Atrophy** (zero copies of the <i>SMN1</i> gene)		Within Normal Limits	<i>SMN1</i> Present
Spinal Muscular Atrophy** (zero copies of the <i>SMN1</i> gene)	<i>SMN1</i> Absent	Positive	<i>SMN1</i> Present
Spinal Muscular Atrophy** (zero copies of the <i>SMN1</i> gene)	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	<i>SMN1</i> Present
Spinal Muscular Atrophy** (zero copies of the <i>SMN1</i> gene)	Inconclusive	Inconclusive	<i>SMN1</i> Present

As a reminder, S3620 is a valid healthcare common procedure coding system (HCPCS) code for newborn metabolic screening panel, includes test kit, postage, and the laboratory tests specified by the state for inclusion in this panel. For repeat screens, report S3620 with the appropriate modifier for repeat services (-76, -77). This HCPCS code is provided as a resource to healthcare professionals. The final billing-related decisions must be made by the healthcare provider.

Please share this letter and its enclosure with the appropriate personnel within your hospital system. We hope you find this information helpful in your preparation, and we thank you for your continued support of newborn screening.

If you have any questions, please contact program genetic counselor, Sondra Rosendahl, by email at sondra.rosendahl@state.mn.us or phone at (651) 201-5922.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Sample newborn screening report