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MEMORANDUM

TO: Illinois Birthing Centers, Illinois Hospitals, Obstetrics and Gynecology Centers, Women’s Health Centers, Illinois Newborn Screening Advisory Committee, Pediatric Genetic and Metabolic Specialists, Pediatricians, Family Practitioners, Midwives

FROM: Joshua J. Geltz, PhD.
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SUBJECT: IDPH Newborn Screening to include results for MLD and GAMT beginning March 30, 2026

Beginning March 30, 2026, all newborn samples submitted for testing under the Illinois Newborn Metabolic Screening Act will now be screened for Metachromatic Leukodystrophy (MLD) and Guanidinoacetate methyltransferase (GAMT) deficiency. Results for both MLD and GAMT will be reported for all newborn samples **received on and after March 30, 2026.**

For any questions, please contact:

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<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/life-stages-populations/newborn-screening.html>