

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Are you sending bloodspot specimens on cards that recently expired? Please check the expiration date on ALL bloodspot collection kits **BEFORE** placing blood on the card!

NOTE: USE OF CARDS WITH AN EXPIRATION OF 2014-11 SHOULD BE DISCONTINUED BY NOVEMBER 30, 2014

Blood collected on a card labeled with the **2014-11** expiration WILL NOT be accepted for analysis by the Office of Newborn Screening Laboratory Services if collected **after November 30, 2014**.

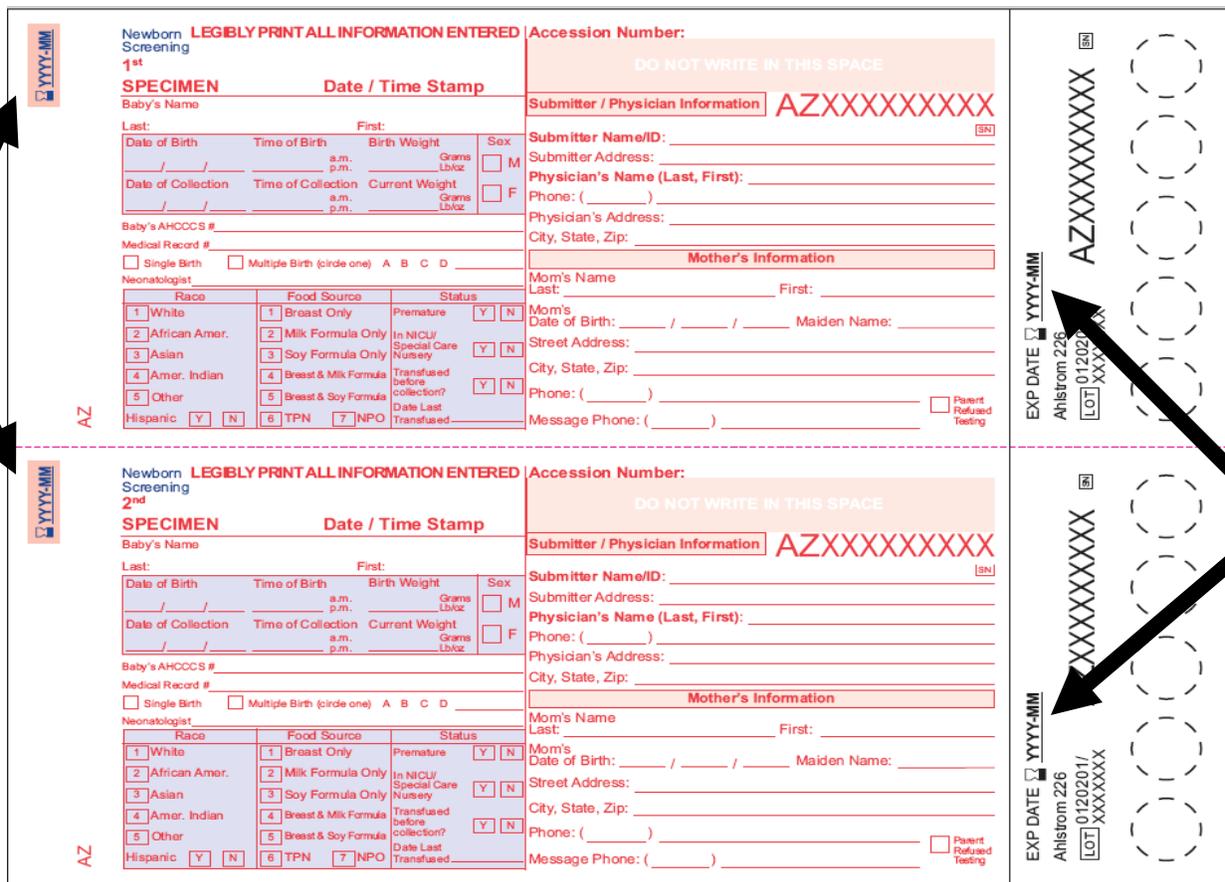
The specimen will be labeled as "Unsatisfactory-Expired Card"; this means that the baby will have to have another heel stick to provide an acceptable specimen for testing.

Where is the Expiration Date on the bloodspot card? *[Indicated in the diagram]*

The expiration date is printed on the lower right hand corner of the card above the blood circles and is written like this "2014-11"; open the flap to see it. There is an additional location on the top left corner, highlighted in pink.

Order cards with later expiration dates using this order form:

http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/owch/pdf/st_lab_req_kit.pdf (Please pass this information on to whoever is in charge of your card supply)



The diagram shows two identical bloodspot screening cards. Each card is divided into several sections:

- Top Left:** A pink box containing the expiration date in the format "YYYY-MM".
- Top Right:** A box labeled "Accession Number" with the instruction "DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE".
- Middle:** A form for "SPECIMEN" information, including "Date / Time Stamp", "Baby's Name", "Last:", "First:", "Date of Birth", "Time of Birth", "Birth Weight", "Sex", "Date of Collection", "Time of Collection", "Current Weight", "Baby's AHCCCS #", "Medical Record #", "Neonatology", "Race", "Food Source", "Status", "Mom's Name", "Date of Birth", "Maiden Name", "Street Address", "City, State, Zip", "Phone", "Message Phone", and "Parent Refused Testing".
- Bottom Right:** A box for "EXP DATE" with the format "YYYY-MM" and "Ahstrom 226".

Two black arrows point to the expiration date locations: one points to the pink box in the top-left corner of the first card, and the other points to the "EXP DATE" box in the bottom-right corner of the second card.