

## State Newborn Screening Fees

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### Issue

What fees do other states charge for their newborn screening programs?

### Summary

Each state operates a newborn screening program that tests infants for certain genetic, endocrine, and metabolic disorders; hearing loss; and critical congenital heart defects. States determine the fee amount and the number of conditions screened. They do not charge a separate fee for each condition screened; rather, the fee covers all conditions. According to [2017 data](#) collected by the Association of Public Health Laboratories, fees range from \$30 in Louisiana to \$162.98 in Rhode Island. (Connecticut currently charges \$98.) Four states (Florida, Kansas, New York, and Pennsylvania) do not charge a screening fee. Generally, third-party payors (i.e., Medicaid, State Children's Health Insurance Program, and private health insurers) cover the screening fees and parents are not billed directly. Attachment 1 lists states' newborn screening fees.

Newborn screening fees vary, in part, because states test for different conditions. At a minimum, most states test for the 34 conditions recommended by the federal Department of Health and Human Services' Advisory Committee for Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children. A list of these conditions is available at <https://www.hrsa.gov/advisorycommittees/mchbadvisory/heritabledisorders/recommendedpanel/>. Most states, including Connecticut, conduct one screening to test for all conditions, whereas 14 states conduct two screenings (see Attachment 1 below).

***Attachment 1: State Newborn Screening Program Fees***

STATE	NEWBORN SCREENING FEE	NUMBER OF REQUIRED SCREENS INCLUDED IN FEE	NUMBER OF CONDITIONS TESTED
Alabama	\$150.00	2	40
Alaska	159.50	2	31
Arizona	95.00	2	30
Arkansas	121.00	1	31
California	129.25	1	80
Colorado	92.00	2	38
Connecticut	98.00	1	60
Delaware	138.00	2	40
Florida	None	1	53
Georgia	63.00	1	32
Hawaii	55.00 (will increase to 99.00 in FY 18)	1	33
Idaho	51.00	2	46
Illinois	118.00	1	47
Indiana	90.00	1	47
Iowa	122.00	1	28
Kansas	None	1	29
Kentucky	99.00	1	49
Louisiana	30.00	1	28
Maine	110.00	1	33
Maryland	106.00	2	55
Massachusetts	98.45	1	30
Michigan	125.16	1	56
Minnesota	150.00	1	55
Mississippi	100.00	1	57
Missouri	85.00	1	74
Montana	112.25	1	29
Nebraska	45.50	1	29
Nevada	81.00	2	45
New Hampshire	71.00	1	33
New Jersey	90.00	1	55
New Mexico	138.00	2	47
New York	None	1	49
North Carolina	44.00	1	47
North Dakota	75.00	1	49
Ohio	74.61	1	41
Oklahoma	137.28	1	37
Oregon	64.00	2	36
Pennsylvania	None	1	38
Rhode Island	162.98	1	34

Attachment 1 (continued)

STATE	NEWBORN SCREENING FEE	NUMBER OF REQUIRED SCREENS INCLUDED IN FEE	NUMBER OF CONDITIONS TESTED
South Carolina	81.78	1	52
South Dakota	75.00	1	47
Tennessee	125.00	1	53
Texas	110.48	2	53
Utah	112.16	2	39
Vermont	125.00	1	31
Virginia	78.00	1	31
Washington	76.10	2	30
West Virginia	91.37	1	31
Wisconsin	109.00	1	46
Wyoming	77.00	2	38

\*Sources: <https://data.newsteps.org/newsteps-web/stateProfile/input.action> and state program websites

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