EXPANDED NEWBORN SCREENING 2005 to 2009
MISSED OPPORTUNITIES -- POTENTIAL LEGAL CLAIMS

Over the past five years, it's become clear that many children who should have had the benefit of expanded screening did not. By early 2005, the newborn screening expert group convened by the American College of Medical Genetics and HRSA's Maternal and Child Health Bureau had issued a consensus report that all children should be screened for 29 "core disorders." On May 12, 2005, the American Academy of Pediatrics officially endorsed that report.

Thus, by at least mid-2005, the standard of care was clear: If not already performed by state mandate, hospitals and pediatricians at a minimum must give parents information about expanded newborn screening for the 29 core disorders.

Tragically, there were many babies born after June 1, 2005, whose parents were not given this information. Many suffered severe injury due to late diagnosis and treatment -- injury that would have been prevented if the child had been properly screened.

Parents should know that these children potentially have very valuable legal claims that, among other things, could pay for all future medical and life care expenses.

Most states have long statutes of limitations for child claims, so it is likely that there is still time to bring suit on behalf of most children who were injured because they were not offered screening -- even babies born as far back as 2005.

Among the 29 core disorders are these 22 metabolic disorders:

1.	3-MCC	3-Methylcrotonyl-CoA Carboxylase Deficiency
2.	ASA	Argininosuccinate Aciduria
3.	BKT	Beta-Ketothiolase Deficiency
4.	CBL A, B	Methylmalonic Acidemia (Vitamin B12 Disorders)
5.	CIT I	Citrullinemia Type I
6.	CUD	Carnitine Uptake Defect/Carnitine Transporter Defect
7.	GA-1	Glutaric Acidemia Type 1
8.	HCY	Homocystinuria
9.	HMG	3-Hydroxy 3 - Methylglutaric Aciduria
10.	IVA	Isovaleric Acidemia

11.	LCHAD	Long-chain L-3- Hydroxyacyl-CoA Dehydrogenase Deficiency
12.	MCAD	Medium-chain Acyl-CoA Dehydrogenase Deficiency
13.	MCD	Multiple Carboxylase Deficiency
14.	MSUD	Maple Syrup Urine Disease
15.	MUT	Methylmalonic Acidemia
16.	PKU	Phenylketonuria
17.	PROP	Propionic Acidemia
18.	TFP	Trifunctional Protein Deficiency
19.	TYR 1	Tyrosinemia Type 1
20.	VLCAD	Very long-chain Acyl CoA Dehydrogenase Deficiency
21.	BIO	Biotinidase Deficiency
22.	GALT	Galactosemia

Two endocrine disorders also are covered:

1.	CH	Congenital Hypothyroidism
2.	CAH	Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia

Sickle cell anemia is covered.

If your child suffered injury because of delay in diagnosis/treatment of one of these disorders and you were not offered expanded/supplemental newborn screening, you can contact attorney Chuck Hehmeyer (215-568-6190 or cphehmeyer@raynesmccarty.com). For many years, Chuck has specialized in handling these types of claims across the country.