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## *Changes to Blood Dot Specimen Cards*

The Ontario Newborn Screening Program is pleased to announce that we will soon be launching an updated version of the blood dot specimen card. We would like to thank all of you for the suggestions you made to improve this card, and, as you will see, we have incorporated many of your ideas.

***Please continue to use the original version of the card until you have used up all of the ones you have in stock.***

Highlights of the new card (please see next page for picture):

1. Addition of the option "Retest: Prior Transfusion"
2. Change from "Mother" to "Mother/Guardian"
3. Addition of CAS care and Adoption options
4. Requesting health care provider information highlighted (please note that this section must be completed and that the requesting health care provider must be a physician or midwife)
5. Space provided for the name of the submitting Hospital/Midwifery practice
6. New place for a submitter unique number/laboratory sticker
7. A new section of report has been added to allow us to gather information about other health care providers who should receive a copy of the report (this must be filled out completely and accurately to ensure we can send report to the infant's primary health care provider)

In addition, the carbon copy of the card will not include the shaded boxes found on the front of the card, so it will be easier to distinguish between the two copies.

As you begin to use this revised version of the card, please feel free to send us your feedback.

Once again, thank you for your cooperation and assistance in making the Ontario Newborn Screening Program the most effective and efficient that it can be.

*Additional information about the Ontario Newborn Screening Program can be found at: www.newbornscreening.on.ca*

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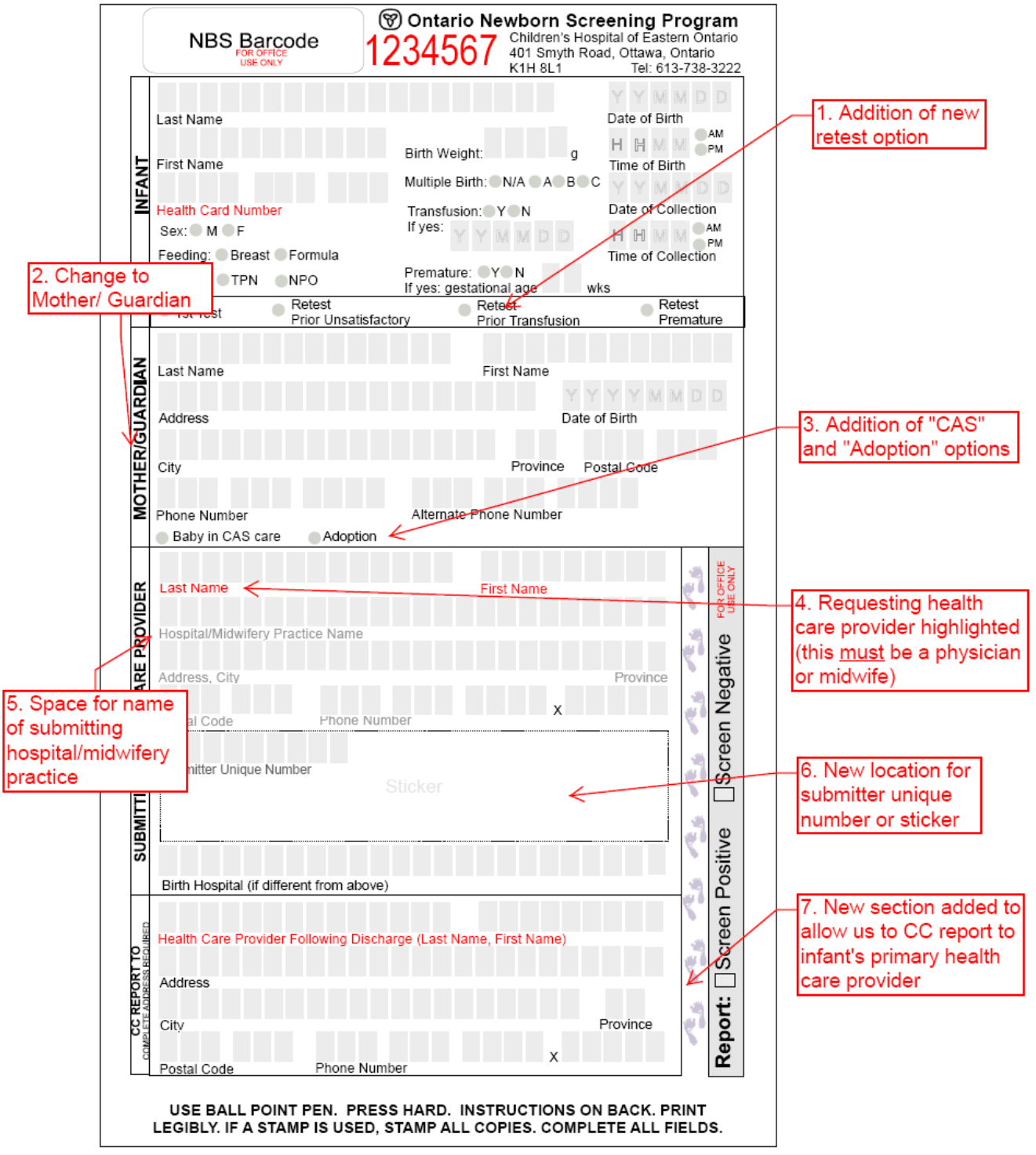


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