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TO: Nursery Manager

FROM: The Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Unit at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)
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RE: Every newborn receiving hepatitis B immune globulin (HBIG)

The hepatitis B virus can be passed from the mother to her newborn at birth. To prevent the spread of hepatitis B, the patient, patient contacts and their healthcare providers must all work together. All pregnant women should be tested for the hepatitis B virus with each pregnancy, and those women that are infected with the virus should be reported to the Viral Hepatitis Program at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (303-692-2780).

Please complete the attached "HBIG form" for any baby that receives hepatitis B immune globulin (HBIG). Then, fax the completed form to:

Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Unit at 303-691-7753.

A case manager will contact the mother and offer her information about hepatitis B and the risks that it poses to her newborn and other family members or sexual contacts. In addition, the case manager will:

- Offer to test any household member or sexual contact of the mother;
- Find free vaccine when needed;
- Educate contacts about the hepatitis B virus; and
- Make certain the newborn has pediatric care and that the provider is aware of the infection risk.

This form can be found at http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/dc/Hepatitis/hepb/HBIGform.pdf. Please remember to use it **anytime** you administer hepatitis B immune globulin to an infant. If you have any questions or need more forms, please call the Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Unit at 303 692-2780. Any one of our staff will be happy to help you.

Thank you for your assistance.