# Newborn Screening Saves Lives Reauthorization Act

Enactment of the Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act in 2008 allowed great strides to be made in harmonizing and standardizing NBS programs across the nation. Reauthorization will further the lifesaving work of newborn screening programs and the federal agencies that serve newborns and their families.

## Currently Funded Activities

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| • Education: Provides technical assistance on new technologies, methodologies and disorders to state programs and healthcare professionals.  
• Emergency Preparedness: Ensures all babies are tested despite emergencies or disasters through development of a model national emergency contingency plan.  
• Quality Assurance: Provides proficiency testing and quality control for NBS laboratories.  
• Test Development: Develops tests that can screen for multiple disorders, expanding laboratory testing capabilities. | FY 2020 $17 MILLION  
FY 2021 $30 MILLION (necessary) | • Accelerating Test Development and Expand Screening Panels: Increasing the number of new disorders screened would allow more babies to be screened for more disorders faster.  
• Replacing Antiquated Data Platforms: Developing innovative data collection and bioinformatics tools will help labs conduct more effective data analysis and disease detection. |

| HRSA Heritable Disorders | FY 2020 $17 MILLION  
FY 2021 $32 MILLION (necessary) | • Enhancing Screening for New Disorders: Funding the remaining 70% of states to scale up their infrastructure (instrumentation, workforce, supplies) and coordinating their efforts will allow new conditions to be more rapidly implemented across the US.  
• Providing Robust, Integrated Follow Up Programs: Ensuring an equitable, integrated system for follow up will support families and children beyond screening. |
| • Screening Expansion: Provides funding for 30% of states to start testing for new disorders.  
• Turn-around Time Reduction: Lowers turn-around time for results by creating a framework and assessment tool that states can utilize to meet federal timeliness goals.  
• Information Sharing: Supports the Newborn Screening Technical assistance and Evaluation program (NewSTEPs), an information repository hub that NBS programs nationwide use to improve their own systems. |