**PVST Reminder Letter to Mothers OB Provider**

**Place on Local Health Department Letterhead**

Date:

Physician’s Name

Address

RE: Mothers Name, DOB

Dear (XXXX),

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that all pregnant women are screened for hepatitis B through the collection of hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAG) and hepatitis B antibody (Anti-HBs) labs with every pregnancy.

The Kentucky Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program tracks all reports of pregnant women who test positive for the hepatitis B virus and enrolls these mothers in our case management program to ensure that the exposed infant receives HBIG and hepatitis B vaccines.

We recently received a report that (Mothers Name) had a positive HBsAG test result. It is recommended that your patient receives a referral to a specialist to discuss treatment options.

If your patient chooses not to receive treatment or is not eligible for treatment, it is recommended that HBV DNA lab work should be collected at 26-28 weeks gestation. If the patient’s results are >200,000 IU/ml, she should again be referred to the appropriate specialist to assess the need for treatment.

As you care for your patient, please advise her of the importance of follow-up care for her newborn including hepatitis B vaccine and HBIG at birth and safety practices with sexual and household contacts.

If you have any questions, please call me at XXX-XXX-XXXX or the Kentucky Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Coordinator, Roberta Butler, RN, MSN at 606-202-1228.

Sincerely,

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