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Dear Parent:

All children in Delaware have blood tests done soon after birth to check for several different hereditary biochemical conditions. On this newborn screening test your baby showed hemoglobin F (fetal), A (adult), C and Barts. Hemoglobin F, A, and C suggest Hemoglobin C trait. This is not a dangerous condition and has no effect on your baby's health. Hemoglobin Barts does not indicate any immediate danger but may mean your baby could develop a form of anemia known as Thalassemia. This is rarely a threat to health.

All babies in Delaware are scheduled for a second newborn screening test. If your baby has not had a second test, please arrange to have the test repeated. Further testing may be required when your child is older. You should discuss this with your physician.

We recommend that you call your doctor or our office at 302-744-4544 or toll free at 1-800-262-3030 if you have further questions. As more information becomes available we will share it with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Louis Bartoshesky". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Louis Bartoshesky, MD, MPH
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