MATERNAL SERUM ALPHA-FETOPROTEIN SCREENING

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Brief Description of Program:

Funds are awarded through a competitive Request for Application process to public or private non-profit major medical centers with a genetics program and a fully functioning AFP laboratory to provide maternal serum screening to pregnant women in NC with low income. The goal of this program is to increase access to maternal serum screening for pregnant women with low income and to reduce neonatal mortality and the incidence of chronic handicapping conditions by identifying high risk pregnancies for neural tube defects, Down syndrome and trisomy 18. The required services include provision of maternal serum screening to pregnant women in NC with low income, education of physicians and other health care providers about this program and about the importance of screening; accurate interpretation of lab results to physicians so that they can discuss counseling options with patients; and provision of additional types of testing to the pregnant woman if indicated by the screening test result.

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