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Dear Click or tap here to enter text.

This is a special and important time for you and your family. I’m writing this letter **to help you make sure your baby is protected from hepatitis B when they are born**. Hepatitis B is a serious liver disease for babies and adults. Even if you don’t feel sick, hepatitis B can remain in your body for a lifetime and cause ongoing liver damage and even cancer. When you are pregnant and infected with the hepatitis B virus, you can pass it to your baby at birth. Since tests have shown that you have hepatitis B, you need to get your baby the care they need to be fully protected. Thankfully, hepatitis B is easily preventable.

Please take the steps outlined in this letter to fully protect your baby against hepatitis B.

**How to protect your baby from hepatitis B:**

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| **What** | **When** | **Where** |  |
| 1st dose hepatitis B vaccine  Single dose hepatitis B immune globulin (HBIG) | Within 12 hours of birth | At the hospital where you give birth |  |
| 2nd dose hepatitis B vaccine | 1-2 months old | At your baby’s check-up with their doctor |  |
| 3rd dose hepatitis B vaccine | 6 months old |  |
| Blood test to confirm your baby is protected and does not have hepatitis B | 9-12 months old |  |

**What to do now:**

* **Read** the enclosed material and visit www.hepbmoms.org
* **Make sure** your spouse or partner, and other **people who live with you get tested** for hepatitis B **and get vaccinated** if needed. They should contact their health care provider to find out if they have hepatitis B.

If you or your doctor have any questions, please call me at Click or tap here to enter text.

I look forward supporting you, your baby, and your family with your hepatitis B health care needs!

Sincerely,

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Perinatal Hepatitis B Coordinator