



GET READY

Visit www.cureSMA.org/newbornscreening to download a copy of the newborn screening toolkit, handouts, and your state fact sheet.

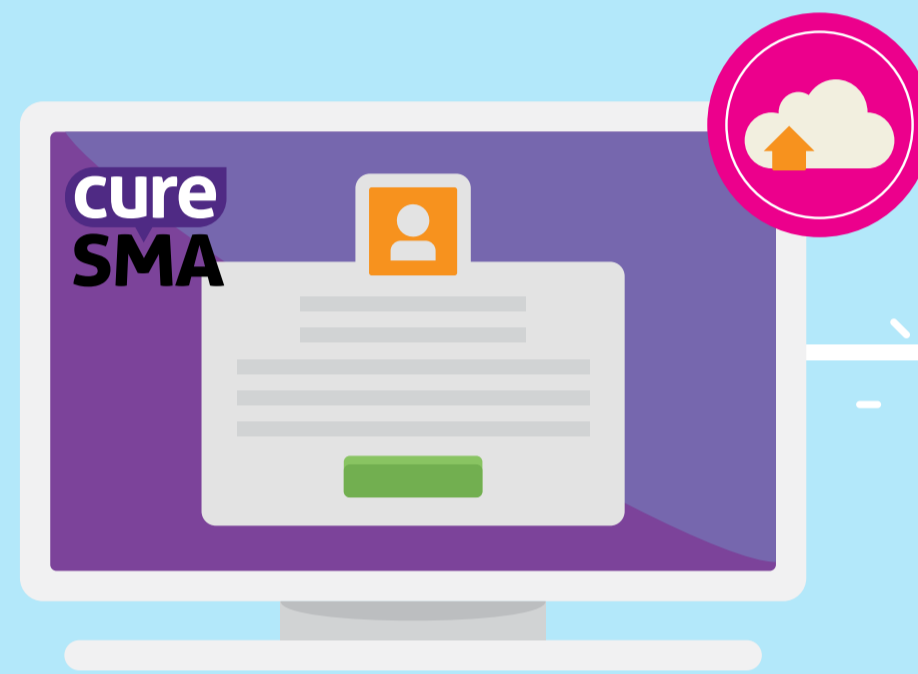


If you don't see a fact sheet for your state, email advocacy@curesma.org.



Find your state Senator and Representative.
Google: Find my [state name] state senator and representative.

BEFORE THE VISIT
Use the information in the toolkit, plus the *Talking Points for Policymakers* handout, to prepare.



SCHEDULE A VISIT

Use the tips on pages 8 & 9 of the toolkit to approach your state senator and/or representative. If you cannot get a visit set up, make a phone call or write a letter.

DURING THE VISIT

Ask your legislators to become a champion for newborn screening in your state—whether that means introducing legislation themselves, or encouraging other elected officials to take action.



If the senator or representative agrees, take a picture with them. Email the picture to us at advocacy@curesma.org. We will recognize these officials as part of our SMA Awareness Month community photo album.



Be sure to send a thank you note or email to your legislators!



Email us at advocacy@curesma.org to let us know who you met with and how it went. We will use this information to follow up with key legislators.



AFTER THE VISIT

Leave them with these handouts: *About SMA, The Importance of Newborn Screening for SMA, and the state fact sheet.*