

Universal Newborn Hearing Screening

learning

begins at birth

and beyond!



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Ohio Administrative Code

3701-40-02 Hearing screening requirements for hospitals and freestanding birthing centers:

- Provide the parent with test results and next steps about follow up testing.
- Follow up testing should occur soon, within 2-4 weeks after birth.
- Assist in scheduling the follow up appointment before discharge.
- Screening determines risk for hearing loss
- Follow up testing will identify hearing loss if present.

Assistance with Scheduling follow up:

1. Confirm that a required second screening is performed on both ears.
2. PCP/Medical home notification is within 48 hours for non-pass babies.
3. Provide the parent of the infant that did not pass the hearing screening or did not receive a hearing screening with the following prior to discharge:
 - (a) A referral to audiologist for hearing evaluation
 - (b) Assistance in scheduling an appointment for hearing evaluation before discharge is recommended
 - (c) Information on the importance of making and keeping an appointment for a hearing evaluation
 - (d) A list of audiology facilities where newborn hearing screenings and evaluations are conducted within a sixty mile radius of the family's home. *Use the Pediatric Audiology Services directory for appropriate follow up locations.*

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