

## **7 Alaska Admin. Code § 27.600**

### Section 7 AAC 27.600 - Transfers of newborns to hospitals

If a newborn is transferred to a hospital before a hearing screening occurs, the transferring hospital shall ensure that the department is notified of the transfer.

7 AAC 27.600

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**Authority:** AS 18.05.040

AS 47.20.300

AS 47.20.310

AS 47.20.320

### Section 7 AAC 27.610 - Screening protocols

**(a)** The protocol for the hearing screening required under AS 47.20.310 includes

**(1)** a list of the staff for the screening program, and a summary of the responsibilities of each staff member;

**(2)** if a hospital technician or hospital volunteer performs the screening, a description of the training and supervision of that individual by a

**(A)** physician described in (b)(1) of this section;

**(B)** registered nurse described in (b)(3) of this section; or

**(C)** physician assistant described in (b)(4) of this section;

**(3)** at least one or more of the physiologic technologies listed in AS 47.20.310(e);

**(4)** a description of the methods and equipment to be used to conduct the screening, including readily available backup equipment in the event of an equipment malfunction;

**(5)** a description of infection control procedures;

**(6)** samples of information to be provided to a parent about screening, including information about screening procedures, the potential risks of hearing loss, and the benefits of early detection and intervention;

**(7)** the procedures for documenting the results of the screening;

**(8)** the procedure for communicating to the parent and primary care provider and reporting to the department

**(A)** a determination by screening that the newborn or infant may have a hearing impairment;

**(B)** an unsuccessful screening; or

(C) a missed screening;

(9) a description of the training and supervision of individuals responsible for informing a parent of the screening results;

(10) the procedure for ensuring that a newborn or infant who had an unsuccessful screening or who missed a screening will receive a screening; and

(11) if a newborn or infant, as determined by screening, may have a hearing impairment, the procedure for ensuring that the parent receives information about follow-up care and a referral for confirmatory diagnostic evaluation to be completed before the newborn or infant is 90 days of age.

(b) Any of the following individuals may perform a hearing screening using the protocol in (a) of this section:

(1) a physician licensed under AS 08.64;

(2) an audiologist licensed under AS 08.11;

(3) a registered nurse licensed under AS 08.68 and trained to perform hearing screening;

(4) a physician assistant licensed under AS 08.64;

(5) a hospital technician or hospital volunteer, if that individual

(A) is trained by a physician described in (1) of this subsection, a registered nurse described in (3) of this subsection, or a physician assistant described in (4) of this subsection to perform hearing screening; and

(B) performs hearing screening under the supervision of a physician described in (1) of this subsection, a registered nurse described in (3) of this subsection, or a physician assistant described in (4) of this subsection;

(6) a federal employee working in a tribal health facility that is exempt from state licensure and who is a health care provider authorized to perform hearing screening; in this paragraph, "tribal health facility" means a facility owned and operated by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service, or a facility owned and operated by a tribal organization, as defined in 25 U.S.C. 450 b (I), under a funding agreement under 25 U.S.C. 458 aaa - 4 (Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act and Tribal Self-Governance Amendments of 2000).

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Section 7 AAC 27.620 - Reporting requirements

**(a)** The information that is required to be reported under AS 47.20.320, with respect to a hearing screening,

**(1)** must be reported at least weekly, using the reporting and tracking system developed by the department; and

**(2)** includes

**(A)** the name of the child;

**(B)** the child's date of birth and gender;

**(C)** the identifier for the facility where the child was born;

**(D)** the identifier for the facility where the child was screened, if that facility is not the facility where the child was born;

**(E)** the name of the child's mother;

**(F)** the name of the primary care provider;

**(G)** demographic information;

**(H)** the child's risk factors for hearing loss;

**(I)** the results of the hearing screening;

**(J)** if the hearing screening was not completed, the status of the screening; if the parent objected to the screening as provided under AS 47.20.310(g), a copy of the signed statement of refusal must be included; and

**(K)** any additional information that the department considers necessary to match the results or status of bloodspot screening conducted under 7 AAC 27.510 - 7 AAC 27.590 for newborn congenital disorders with the appropriate child reported under the newborn hearing screening program.

**(b)** The information that is required to be reported under AS 47.20.320, with respect to audiological confirmatory evaluation and diagnostic services for newborns and infants whose hearing was screened under AS 47.20.310,

**(1)** must be reported at least monthly, using the reporting and tracking system developed by the department; and

**(2)** includes

**(A)** the name of the child;

**(B)** the child's date of birth and gender;

**(C)** the name of the audiologist who provided the services;

**(D)** the date and results of the audiology assessment; and

(E) recommendations for follow-up care, including any referral for early intervention services.

7 AAC 27.620

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AS 47.20.300

AS 47.20.310

AS 47.20.320

Section 7 AAC 27.629 - Definition

In 7 AAC 27.600 - 7 AAC 27.629, "primary care provider" means a licensed physician, advanced nurse practitioner, or physician assistant who is the primary source of health care for the infant, or a primary community health aide who is the primary source of health care for the infant. In this section, "primary community health aide" has the meaning given in AS 18.28.100.

7 AAC 27.629

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AS 47.20.300

AS 47.20.310

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