



Iowa's Early Hearing Detection & Intervention Program

Iowa Newborn Hearing Screen Paper Reporting Protocol For Birthing Facilities that Average Less Than 50 Births/Year

This protocol is intended to provide guidance to hospitals regarding the reporting of newborn hearing screening results, as required by law, to the Iowa Department of Public Health. This protocol applies only to hospitals that average less than 50 births per year.

Newborn Hearing Screening Protocol

For guidance on performing hearing screening, refer to the Iowa Newborn Hearing Screening Protocol. It can be found on the EHDI Web site, http://www.idph.state.ia.us/iaehdi/common/pdf/iaehdi_screening_protocol.pdf.

Reporting Hearing Screening Results and Information to the Iowa Department of Public Health

Reporting forms can be found on the EHDI Web site, http://www.idph.state.ia.us/iaehdi/common/pdf/newborn_hearing_screening.pdf.

The following information shall be reported to the Iowa Department of Public Health within six days of the birth of the newborn.

1. The name and date of the birth of the newborn.
2. The name, address and telephone number, if available, of the mother of the newborn. If the mother is not the person designated as legally responsible for the child's care, the name address and telephone number of the guardian shall be reported.
3. The name of the primary care provider for the newborn at the birthing hospital or birth center.
4. The results of the newborn hearing screening, either 'pass', 'refer', or 'not screened', for each ear separately.
5. The results of any rescreening, either 'pass' or 'refer', and the diagnostic audiologic assessment procedures used for each ear separately.

Completed forms should be mailed or faxed to:

State EHDI Coordinator
Iowa Department of Public Health
Lucas State Office Building
321 E. 12th St.
Des Moines, IA 50319-0075
(515) 242-6013

Confidentiality

Reports, records, and other information collected by or provided to the Iowa Department of Public Health relating to a child's newborn hearing screening, rescreen, and diagnostic audiologic assessment are confidential records. Personnel of the Iowa Department of Public Health shall maintain the confidentiality of all the information and records used in its review. No individual or organization providing information to the Iowa Department of Public Health in accordance with its rules shall be deemed to be or held liable for divulging confidential information.