



Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI)/Newborn Hearing Screening (NHS) and Early Intervention Program (EIP)

Purpose of this Document:

This document* is developed for Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) by the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program to advise of the Newborn Hearing Screening Process and Referral to the Early Intervention Program (EIP). It provides best practices and helpful contact information for the EHDI Program and the EIP, at the local and State level.

This document provides a better understanding of what is important when referring a child to the EIP. MCOs can use this document to support their work with providers such as pediatricians, audiologists, or hospital-based clinicians. We provided contact information for the EHDI program and the EIP for further guidance. Additionally, MCOs are expected to use this information to develop policies and procedures to ensure providers are following the accurate process after a Failing/Not Passing of the Newborn Hearing Screening. In addition, MCOs can disseminate this document to encourage providers to follow established county specific guidelines following a failed/not passed hearing screening. If a health care provider has any concerns regarding hearing screening or requires additional assistance with understanding the Newborn Hearing Screening Process and/or Referral to the EIP, they can contact us directly.

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EHDI 1-3-6 Guidelines:

*Initial Hearing Screening no later than 1-month of age
Diagnosis of Hearing Loss no later than 3-months of age
Enrollment into EI or other services no later than 6-months of age*

Newborn Screening – Birth Hospital (Prior to Discharge)

Hospital-Based Inpatient Screening

- Hospital administers hearing screening for newborn.
 - o Otoacoustic Emissions (OAE)
 - o Auditory Brainstem Response (ABR)
- Birth Hospital updates infant records via birth register.
- Birth Hospital staff ensures information is documented correctly in EHDI-Information System (EHDI-IS).
- Birth Hospital staff/Newborn Hearing Screening Program Manager is responsible to ensure documentation and follow-up screening is completed, regardless of whether the screening was completed by hospital staff or a contractor.

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Did Not Pass

Ongoing Care of All Infants: Coordinated by the Medical Home Provider

Every infant younger than 28 days who fails their initial screening is required to be tested for Cytomegalovirus (CMV)

Re-Screening Complete – Before 1 Month

Outpatient Re-Screening

- Birth Hospitals are required to schedule infant for follow-up screening or refer to an outpatient audiologist.
- Birth Hospital is required to follow the infant for 75 days, post discharge, to confirm follow-up hearing screening was completed.
- Birth Hospitals are allowed to document re-screening results.
- If there is no documentation of follow-up, the Birth Hospital must refer the infant At Risk to the Early Intervention official in the county of residence unless the parent has objected to such a referral.
- **Follow-up screening results or At Risk referral to EI should be documented in EHDI-IS, in the appropriate fields, not in comments.**

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Diagnostic Evaluation – Before 3 Months

Pediatric Audiologic Evaluation

- Audiologist reports to NY EHDI Program
 - o Results for every child seen must be documented in EHDI-IS, regardless of Hearing Loss Status, in the appropriate fields, not in Comments.

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Intervention Services – Before 6 Months

- Refer to The Early Intervention Program (EIP) https://www.health.ny.gov/community/infants_childre n/early_intervention/index.htm
- Referral to EIP should be documented in EHDI-IS, in the appropriate Refer to EI field, not in comments.
- Refer to other Intervention Services as discussed between Parents, Audiologist, and other Healthcare Providers.

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Best Practices for MCOs to Assist Providers with EHDI/NHS to Early Intervention Program (EIP) Process

- ❖ The Early Intervention Program (EIP) is administered locally by Local Health Department (LHDs). Keep Early Intervention (EI) contact information for the county(ies) under your coordination handy. Refer to the contact resources in the box below for where EI county level contact information can be found.
- ❖ Advise Primary Care Practitioners (PCPs) to obtain parental written informed consent for release of information at first contact with the EIP, in order for information to be shared between the EIP and the PCP.
- ❖ Patient Identifying Information (PII) should only be shared via in person, mail, or secure fax.
- ❖ Referral sources should use County Specific Referral Forms, if available, when referring to the EIP and ensure the forms are completed in their entirety, and legible. Include complete referral source contact information in case the EIP needs to contact the referral source.
- ❖ Referrals should be made to the County EI office in the **county of residence**, not the county of birth.
- ❖ When referring to the EIP be sure to include:
 - Child's Name and Date of birth
 - Complete address
 - Dominant language or mode of communication of child and parent/legal guardian
 - Parent/legal guardian names and address, if different from child, and phone number(s) (multiple numbers if possible)
 - Race/Ethnicity
 - Reason for Referral
 - Developmental concerns, hearing status, testing results completed
 - Insurance information
- ❖ "A Parent's Guide" is available through the NYSBEI website. This is a useful guide that provides parents an overview of the Early Intervention Program. <https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/0532.pdf>

Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Contact Resources

- **Need assistance from EHDI? We can help! Email us at nyehdi@health.ny.gov. Please do not include any Personally Identifying Information in the message.**
- **Learn more about the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program.**
https://www.health.ny.gov/community/infants_children/early_intervention/newborn_hearing_screening/

Early Intervention Program Contact Resources:

- **Learn more about the Early Intervention Program.**
https://www.health.ny.gov/community/infants_children/early_intervention/index.htm
- **Contact information for Early Intervention Officials in your NYS Municipal/County.**
https://www.health.ny.gov/community/infants_children/early_intervention/county_eip.htm
- **Need assistance from the EIP? We can help! Email us at beipub@health.ny.gov. Please do not include any Personal Identifying Information in the message.**