

## Important Newborn Hearing Information

MVP Health Care® (MVP) recognizes that it is critically important to identify conditions that could adversely affect a child's development as early as possible. New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and the New York Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program (NY EHDI) require timely newborn hearing screening, parent education, appropriate intervention services, and reporting of the screening results.

### Newborn Hearing Screening: What you need to know and do

- NY EHDI requires:
  - Newborn hearing screening no later than 1 month of age
  - Audiologic evaluation by 3 months of age
  - Enrollment in Early Intervention services no later than 6 months of age, if hearing loss is detected
- NYS Public Health Law § 2500-g requires all maternity hospitals and birthing facilities to administer the newborn hearing screening prior to discharge and designate a program manager to report aggregate data on newborn hearing screenings to NYSDOH and NY EHDI Information System.
- Before completing the hearing screening, facilities are required to provide parents with written materials about developmental milestones for communication and signs of hearing loss in infants.
- Prior to discharge, the facility should provide the results of the hearing screening to the parents.
- If the newborn didn't have a hearing screening or the results were abnormal, the facility must refer the newborn for an outpatient hearing screening, and to a pediatrician for follow up with a request that the outpatient screening results be returned to the birth facility.
- Facilities are obligated to ensure follow-up for newborns who miss or did not pass their initial screenings. They are required to make two documented attempts to contact the parents.

Additional information and resources can be found at [health.ny.gov](https://health.ny.gov).

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