

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 NYS Early Hearing Detection Program (NY EHDI) require timely newborn hearing screening, follow up, and reporting of the screening results.

Newborn Hearing Screening: What you need to know and do

- NY EHDI requires:
 - a. Newborn hearing screening no later than 1 month if age
 - b. Audiologic evaluation by 3 months of age
 - c. Enrollment in Early Intervention services no later than 6 months of age
- NYS Public Health Law requires all maternity hospitals and birthing facilities to administer the newborn hearing screening prior to discharge.
- Facilities are required to provide parents with educational materials about developmental milestones for communication and signs of hearing loss in young children prior to completing the newborn hearing screening.
- Prior to discharge, the facility should provide the results of the newborn hearing screening to the family.
- If the newborn didn't have the hearing screening or the results were abnormal, the hospital/birthing facility must refer the newborn to an infant hearing screener and to the PCP for follow up.
- NYS Public Health Law (250-g) requires hospitals/birthing facilities to have a designated program manager report newborn hearing screening results to the NY EHDI Information System.
- Hospitals/birthing facilities are obligated to ensure follow-up for infants who miss or did not pass their initial screen. They are required to make two documented attempts to contact the family.

Additional information and resources can be found at health.ny.gov