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## Newborn Hearing Screening Reporting Requirements New Mexico Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program Updated May 2023

Per the Requirements for General and Special Hospitals NMAC 7.30.6.6, New Mexico hospitals shall report to the State Newborn Hearing Screening Program (Early Hearing Detection & Intervention [EHDI] Program) as follows:

- 1. Hospital data uploads are due on the 1<sub>st</sub> and the 15<sub>th</sub> of each month. Report on all births not previously reported. For example, when uploading data on the 15<sub>th</sub>, include screening results from the 14<sub>th</sub> if they are available. Timely reporting is crucial to meet our requirement to 1) confirm typical hearing before baby is one month old, or 2) obtain a diagnosis before baby is 3 months old. Our shared goal is to prevent irreparable brain damage and avoidable developmental delays. *Thank you*.
- 2. Fax or securely email the completed Newborn Hearing Screening Report and Referral Form within 48 hours of a newborn's discharge. The completed form is required for all infants who:
  - Refer in one or both ears. "Refer" means the screening result is positive for hearing insensitivity.
  - Transfer
  - Are deceased
  - Have a known risk factor for hearing loss. Risk factors are listed on the reporting form.
  - Are not screened for any reason such as a broken screening machine or baby has medical issue that prevents screenings. If parent/guardian refuses the hearing screen, the refusal form is required.
- 3. For questions about data uploads or referral/report forms, contact Jolynn Gallegos, 505-476-8918 or Jolynn.Gallegos@doh.nm.gov.
- 4. For questions about screening newborns or for training on reporting requirements or program issues, contact Reanna Garcia, EHDI Coordinator, at 505-476-8817, or Reanna.Garcia@doh.nm.gov.