



Minnesota Newborn Screening Program

**Clinic Quality Assurance Checklist for
Early Hearing Detection**

This checklist can be used to determine how well your clinic is meeting Minnesota guidelines for newborn hearing screening and the Joint Committee on Infant Hearing (JCIH) recommendations.

For each “No” answer, review that component of the program to determine the feasibility of modifying the current process to reach the recommended guidelines.

Hearing Screening and Rescreening Protocols	
Does your clinic have a process in place to ensure that all newborn hearing screens are received and reviewed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Does your clinic work with local hospitals to ensure that rescreens are scheduled before the infant is discharged?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do relevant staff receive training on the importance of newborn hearing screening/early hearing detection and recommended protocols?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is there a system in place to make sure rescreening is completed by 1 month of age for infants who did not pass their hearing screen?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Does your clinic have a mechanism to screen home births or babies who are missed in the hospital?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Does your clinic schedule infants who do not pass hearing screening in the NICU directly with an audiologist for evaluation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are infants rescreened bilaterally upon not passing the initial hearing screening even if only one ear fails the initial screening?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Hearing Screening and Rescreening Protocols, cont'd

Does your clinic contact families who have not attended scheduled hearing appointments?

Yes

No

Diagnostic Evaluations

Does your clinic assist families in scheduling recommended follow-up appointments before they leave?

Yes

No

Does your clinic refer to diagnostic audiology providers who utilize best practices and provide evidence-based diagnoses for both ears by **no later than 3 months**?

Yes

No

Is there a system in place to make sure underlying sensorineural hearing loss is ruled out for both ears **no later than 3 months**, even if fluid is present?

Yes

No

Is complete assessment of unilateral hearing loss (including type and degree) accomplished **no later than 3 months of age**?

Yes

No

Does your clinic follow up with families after they have been referred for audiologic evaluation to make sure the family attended or scheduled the appointment?

Yes

No

Ongoing surveillance and screening

Does your clinic refer children with one or more risk factors for delayed onset/progressive hearing loss for at least one diagnostic audiology assessment by 24 to 30 months?

Yes

No

Ongoing surveillance and screening, cont'd	
Do you have staff who provide ongoing surveillance for infants and young children with risk indicators for late onset or progressive hearing loss?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Does your site promptly refer older infants and children who have failed objective screening for audiology and definitive testing?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Communication	
Does your clinic review results of the initial hearing screening with parents?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are parents provided the appropriate follow-up and resource information when further screening or assessment is needed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is information at each stage of the hearing screening and follow-up process communicated to families in a culturally sensitive and understandable format?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If your clinic provides hearing rescreening for infants, are results reported to MDH within 7 days?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are the diagnostic providers to whom you refer conveying results back to your clinic and MDH within 7 days?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Does your clinic utilize local public health providers to assist families who are unable to access follow-up care?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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