Health Provider Information

Newborn Hearing Screening

- Infants who did not pass an automated auditory brainstem response (AABR) hearing need a repeat screening.
- Both ears should be tested with each screening even if only one ear did not pass.
- No more than two valid inpatient screening attempts should be performed. One optional outpatient screening may be performed.

For further information, please visit www.jcih.org

Joint Committee on Infant Hearing (JCIH) recommendations:

One Month
Newborn Hearing Screening
before one month of age

Three Months
Hearing Diagnostic Evaluation
before three months of age

Six Months
Early Intervention
before six months of age

Newborn Hearing Screening Facts:

- Each year 6,500 infants are born deaf or hard of hearing.
- Hearing loss is one of the most common birth defects.
- Newborns should be screened for hearing loss before leaving the hospital.
- A hearing loss can delay a child's speech and language development, impacting their thinking, learning, and social skills.

For more information call: 1-800-451-3903

Be sure to report findings to the state Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) program using the reporting forms found at www.msdh.ms.gov/EHDI