

# 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](http://www.jcih.org)

## Joint Committee on Infant Hearing (JCIH) recommendations:

**One  
Month**

**Three  
Months**

**Six  
Months**

**Newborn Hearing  
Screening**

before **one** month of age

**Hearing Diagnostic  
Evaluation**

before **three** months of age

**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.**

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

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



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