



HEARING SCREENER TRAINING

Section 661:
NEWBORN AND INFANT SCREENING AND TREATMENT CODE

Section 661.610
Responsibilities of Medical Care Facilities Excerpts

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[Illinois Sound Beginnings](#)



[Illinois Department of Public Health Newborn Hearing](#)



[PART 661 Newborn and Infant Screening Code](#)



● **Newborn hearing screening shall be performed by an individual who is supervised by a licensed healthcare professional (recommended to be a licensed audiologist per 2019 Joint Committee on Infant Hearing Statement). The supervising healthcare professional and screener shall be trained in the following areas:**

- Anatomy and physiology of the ear;
- Nature of responses being measured;
- Patient and non-patient factors that influence responses;
- Hearing screening procedures;
- Documentation of results;
- Type of screening equipment to be used;
- Operation of the screening equipment;
- Time frames for screening;
- Provision of results to the parents, legal guardian or caregiver, the primary medical care provider, and the Department;
- Confidentiality requirements;
- Communication of accurate and appropriate information;
- The plan of care if the newborn or infant passed the hearing screening; and
- The plan of care if the newborn or infant did not pass the hearing screening.

● **Newborn Hearing Screening Training Curriculum**

This competency-based course is designed to provide the learner with a thorough understanding of the components necessary for conducting quality newborn hearing screening while meeting the training requirements.



The recommended practices throughout the course are based on the Joint Committee on Infant Hearing (JCIH) Position Statement. After completing the course, screeners and stakeholders will have the necessary foundation to do a thorough job and feel confident in their roles.

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