



BIRTHING FACILITY-REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR PARENT DISSEMINATION

Section 661.610: Responsibilities of Medical Care Facilities Excerpts

Resources:



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



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



● **All medical care facilities shall provide written information to all parents, legal guardians or caregivers before the newborn hearing screening is administered. The written information shall include:**

- Purpose and benefits of the hearing screening;
- Description of typical auditory development;
- Description of the procedures used for hearing screening;
- Risk factors for hearing loss;
- Factors that could result in a referral for further hearing screening; and;
- Importance of timely follow-up for hearing testing and intervention.

● **After completion of the newborn hearing screening, medical care facilities shall provide to parents, legal guardians, or caregivers, orally and in writing, the following information:**

- Time, date, screening technology and individual-ear screening results for the final screening session prior to discharge; and
- Follow-up plan of care, including the coordination of follow-up screening or diagnostic appointments and service locations.

IDPH provides informational brochures on newborn hearing screening and appropriate follow-up that meet these requirements. These brochures are free of charge in English/Spanish and may be printed on-demand in other languages.

[43.00 Information for Parents in multiple languages](#)



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