1-3-6 Guidance For Medical Home Providers

**Do’s and Don’ts**

**DO** confirm that you receive hearing screening results from the hospital for every newborn you see.

**DO** ask about risk factors which can affect hearing levels when babies pass their newborn hearing screen and develop a plan for following these babies.

**DO** remember that a stay in the NICU is a risk factor and these babies should be followed closely even if they passed their hearing screen in the NICU.

**DO** confirm that every baby who refers on their newborn hearing screen sees a pediatric audiologist with the capability to perform a complete diagnostic evaluation by 3 months of age.

**DO** know where to turn to get EHDI resources in your state.

**DO** have a system in place to follow up after a referral for diagnostic testing that assures the appointment is kept and you’ve received results of that evaluation in a timely fashion.

**DO** refer every baby who is found to have hearing difference to early intervention and parent support services.

**DON’T** delay referral for diagnostic testing if a baby has middle ear fluid.

**DON’T** ignore a parent’s concern that their baby may not be hearing or responding to sounds, even if that baby has passed their newborn hearing screen.

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