Newborn Hearing Screen
2013 KY EHDI TALKING POINTS
for hospital personnel

DATA/ENTRY KY CHILD

- Discharge hospital following birth is responsible for conducting hearing screen and reporting results to KY CHILD
- KY CHILD submission is required within 24 hours post discharge if infant refers in left, right or both ears or missed hearing screen and pass/pass with risk indicators marked
- KY CHILD submission is required within 7 calendar days of discharge for Pass/Pass and no risk indicators marked
- Include PCP on Hearing Screen Report
- Audiology referral should be to audiologist on Diagnostic List and whenever possible the follow-up appointment should be facilitated prior to D/C and documented in KY CHILD.

INFANTS TRANSFERRING OUT OF BIRTHING HOSPITAL

- When infant transfers the infants’ KY CHILD record needs to be transferred immediately to the transferred into hospital (this will reduce # of open/duplication of records in KY CHILD)
- **DO NOT CLICK ON SAME HOSPITAL FOR DISCHARGE HOSPITAL IN THE CASE OF A TRANSFER** - (locate and click on transferred into hospital for discharge hospital) When this error occurs EHDI is sending letters to families with infants still in hospital NICUs) – EHDI staff want to avoid adding to parental/family stress
- If a hearing screen was conducted and submitted via KY CHILD at birthing hospital before transfer occurs to another hospital, the corrected KY CHILD hearing screen report, needs to be faxed to 502-429-4489 with updated information including transferred into hospital

IN PATIENT NEWBORN HEARING SCREEN

- If infant does not pass both ears on initial hearing screen; one more complete screen (BOTH EARS) may be conducted prior to discharge and the final screen session results prior to D/C are reported in KY CHILD
- No more than two inpatient hearing screens per ear are permitted – result of final hearing screen session is recorded in KY CHILD
REFERS/HOSPITAL PERFORMS OUTPATIENT SCREENS:
  o Inform parents that infant will require additional screening
  o Stress importance of keeping follow-up appointment
  o Have parent(s) view Lost & Found Video
  o Schedule baby return for outpatient screening per hospital protocol
  o Explain procedure that family should follow upon their return
    o Where to return
    o Where to check in
    o Should baby be asleep or awake
    o How long testing will take
  o Rescreen both ears when outpatient rescreen is conducted

IF RESULTS OF OUTPATIENT SCREEN IS A REFER:
  o Inform family that infant will require further testing
  o Inform parents they will receive a letter from the Commission
  o Referral on this test does not mean there is a hearing loss, but follow-up testing by an audiologist is required
  o Give family Infant Audiological Assessment and Diagnostic Centers list
  o Assist family in scheduling audiologic appointment from diagnostic list
  o Notify EHDI via KY CHILD or fax: the results of the outpatient hearing screen and scheduled audiology appointment provider, date and time

REFERS/HOSPITAL DOES NOT PERFORM OUTPATIENT SCREENS:
  o Inform parents that infant needs to be scheduled for follow-up
  o Give list of Diagnostic Centers performing follow-up
  o Assist family in scheduling audiologic appointment from diagnostic list prior to D/C and enter data in KY CHILD on Hearing Screen Report (HSR)

PASS RESULTS WITH RISK INDICATORS:
  o Your infant will require follow-up testing because a risk indicator for hearing loss has been identified (this might be from an exam or questions that parents answered)
  o Inform parents they will receive a letter from the Commission
  o Hearing needs to be rechecked at approximately 3-6 months of age (Some risk indicators may require recheck sooner: high bilirubin, ototoxic medication)
  o Give parents list of Diagnostic Centers where follow-up testing can be completed.

  If at any time parents have questions, please direct them to call the:

  Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) office at 877-757-4327