

**641—3.7 (135) Procedures required of birth centers.** Each birth center in Iowa shall follow these procedures:

**3.7(1)** Each birth center shall designate an employee of the birth center to be responsible for the newborn hearing screening program in that institution.

**3.7(2)** Prior to discharge of the newborn, each birth center shall refer every newborn delivered in the birth center to an audiologist, physician, or hospital for a newborn hearing screening. Before discharge of the newborn, the birth center shall arrange an appointment for the newborn hearing screening and report to the parent the appointment time, date, and location.

**3.7(3)** The facility to which the newborn is referred for screening shall complete the screening within 30 days of the newborn's discharge from the birth center, unless the parent fails to attend the appointment. If the parent fails to attend the appointment, the facility shall document such failure in the medical or educational record and shall report such failure to the department.

**3.7(4)** The person who completes the newborn hearing screening shall report screening results to the parent in written form.

**3.7(5)** The person who completes the newborn hearing screening shall report screening results to the department in the manner prescribed in 641—3.9(135).

**3.7(6)** The person who completes the screening shall follow the hearing screening protocols prescribed by the department.

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