

**641—3.8 (135) Procedures to ensure that children born in locations other than a birth center or birthing hospital receive a hearing screening.**

**3.8(1)** A physician or other health care professional who undertakes primary pediatric care of a newborn delivered in a location other than a birthing hospital or birth center shall refer the newborn to an audiologist, physician, or hospital for completion of the newborn hearing screening within three months of the newborn's birth. The health care professional who undertakes primary pediatric care of the newborn shall arrange an appointment for the newborn hearing screening and report to the parent the appointment time, date, and location.

**3.8(2)** The person who completes the newborn hearing screening shall report screening results to the parent in written form.

**3.8(3)** The person who completes the newborn hearing screening shall report screening results to the department in the manner prescribed in 641—3.9(135). 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.

**3.8(4)** The person who completes the newborn hearing screening shall follow the hearing screening protocols prescribed by the department.

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