



ATTENTION PARENTS:  
NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING RESULTS

PLEASE BRING TO YOUR DOCTOR

ATTN: Primary Care Provider: \_\_\_\_\_

Clinic: \_\_\_\_\_

Baby's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Baby's DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Last Hearing Screen: \_\_\_\_\_

Right Ear:            Pass             Refer

Left Ear:            Pass             Refer

An appointment for hearing testing was made:    Yes     No

Date and Location: \_\_\_\_\_

CHECKING YOUR BABY'S HEARING IS AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3!

1. Talk to your baby's doctor or clinic about these hearing screening results at the first visit.
2. Bring this letter with you to your baby's first visit and show it to your doctor.
3. Make a plan for having your baby's hearing rescreened.



# Newborn Hearing Screening in Minnesota

## Hearing Screening is Important

Identifying hearing loss early is important. Speech and language start to develop right after birth, even though babies don't usually talk until about 1 year of age. A child with hearing loss may have difficulty with speech and language. If a baby has a hearing loss it is usually not noticeable to parents or doctors. Screening and follow-up testing are the only ways to find hearing loss early. Learning that your baby has hearing loss gives you and your baby a better chance to communicate and can prevent delays.

## If my baby REFERRED, does that mean he/she has a hearing loss?

A REFER result means that your baby did not pass the hearing screen. Many babies with REFER results can hear perfectly well. Sometimes there is fluid or debris in the baby's ear that can get in the way of testing. Babies with a REFER hearing screen result need to see a hearing specialist (audiologist).

Show this letter to your doctor or clinic who can help you make an appointment with a hearing specialist (audiologist).

## Can I check my baby's hearing at home?

Even though it may seem like your baby can hear at home - he or she jumps when there is a loud noise or turns when you clap your hands - it is still very important to have your baby's hearing checked again.

Some babies with hearing loss can startle to loud noises, but they can't hear softer sounds, like your voice.

Hearing testing helps to find all types of hearing loss, including hearing loss that you and your doctor might not notice.

## TALK TO YOUR BABY'S DOCTOR AT THE FIRST VISIT

Your baby's doctor or clinic can help answer any questions you might have about your baby's hearing.

Tell your baby's doctor or clinic about the hearing screening results so they can help you make an appointment for more testing.

If you have any other questions about hearing screening in general, please call the Newborn Screening Program at (800) 664-7772 or email at [newbornscreening@health.state.mn.us](mailto:newbornscreening@health.state.mn.us)