



# EHDI LIAISONS

## Section 661: NEWBORN AND INFANT SCREENING AND TREATMENT CODE

### Section 661.610 Responsibilities of Medical Care Facilities Excerpts

#### Resources:



[Illinois Sound Beginnings](#)



[Illinois Department of Public Health Newborn Hearing](#)



[PART 661 Newborn and Infant Screening Code](#)



● **A medical care facility shall identify a primary and secondary liaison to the EHDI Program at the Department.**

● **A medical care facility shall identify, no later than January 1, 2023, the items listed below and shall report any changes thereafter, within 7 days, to the Department:**

- 1) primary and/or secondary EHDI liaison;
- 2) hearing screening protocol; and/or
- 3) hearing screening equipment.

● **A medical care facility shall inform the Department no less than 30 days before any changes related to the outsourcing of newborn hearing screening services.**

● **A medical care facility shall designate a manager or coordinator employed by the facility who is responsible for the oversight of newborn hearing screening services. The manager or coordinator shall be a licensed healthcare professional (recommended to be a licensed audiologist per 2019 Joint Committee on Infant Hearing Statement). The manager or coordinator shall be responsible for the following:**

- Documentation of medical care facility EHDI policy and protocols;
- Maintenance, operation, and replacement of the hearing screening equipment within the equipment manufacturer's guidance;
- Documentation of a hearing screening plan to ensure the continuation of hearing screening when the equipment is out of service for greater than 48 hours;
- Training and supervision of newborn hearing screening personnel, including retraining and competency monitoring of newborn hearing screening personnel;
- Monitoring reporting to the Department; and
- Medical facility EHDI data management.

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