3701-40-06 Hearing screening and equipment requirements.

(A) Each hospital and freestanding birthing center required to conduct a hearing screening on a newborn or infant shall, before discharge, conduct a hearing screening on each ear of every newborn or infant born in, admitted to or transferred into a hospital or freestanding birthing center through the use of a physiologic test.

(B) The hospital and freestanding birthing center shall conduct a second screening on newborn or infant, if the first screening in either ear was a non-pass.

(C) The second screening shall

(1) Be a physiological test,

(2) Test both ears, and

(3) Be completed prior to discharge.

(D) The hospital or facility shall conduct only two hearing screenings prior to discharge unless there is clearly an equipment error or an error in administering the screening. Only two complete hearing screenings shall be reported to the director.

(E) The equipment used for screening shall be capable of giving reliable results, maintained in good working order, and calibrated annually per manufacturer's guidelines,

(F) The hospital or free standing birthing facility shall have a contingency plan for continued provision of hearing screening when equipment is malfunctioning or awaiting repair or replacement.

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