



## Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3701-40-08 Diagnostic hearing evaluations.

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(A) Newborns and infants that do not pass after two hearing screenings shall be immediately referred to an audiologist with expertise in evaluating newborns and infants for a diagnostic hearing evaluation.

(B) Protocols for a diagnostic hearing evaluation should be consistent with protocols in the recommendations for the joint committee on infant hearing.

(C) The diagnostic equipment used for diagnostic hearing evaluations shall be capable of giving reliable results, maintained in good working order, and calibrated annually per manufacturer's guidelines.

(D) Any audiologist that conducts a diagnostic hearing evaluation shall communicate the results of the diagnostic hearing evaluation for every newborn or infant to the primary care physician or designated medical home within seven business days of diagnostic hearing evaluation. The following shall be included:

(1) Results of the diagnostic hearing evaluation for each ear;

(2) Type and degree of hearing loss, if any;

(3) Risk factors for hearing loss, if any; and

(4) Additional appointment recommendations, if any.

(E) Any audiologist that conducts a diagnostic hearing evaluation shall communicate verbal and written results of the diagnostic hearing evaluation to the parent, guardian, or custodian to include:

(1) Results of the diagnostic hearing evaluation for each ear;



(2) Type and degree of hearing loss, if any;

(3) Risk factors for hearing loss, if any; and

(4) Additional appointment recommendations, if any.

(F) Any audiologist that conducts a diagnostic hearing evaluation shall provide the parent, guardian, or custodian of every newborn and infant identified with hearing loss with printed information provided by the department as outlined in paragraph (D) of rule 3701-40-10 of the Administrative Code.

(G) Any audiologist that conducts a diagnostic hearing evaluation of a newborn, infant, or child less than thirty-six months old referred to such provider shall report diagnostic hearing evaluation results to the director, in the manner and format prescribed by the director, within seven business days of diagnostic hearing evaluation. Every diagnostic hearing evaluation shall be submitted for the following:

(1) Newborns and infants who did not pass the hearing screening; and

(2) Newborns, infants and children diagnosed with hearing loss.