

Provincial Notice of Birth/Stillbirth EHDI Program – Instructions for Public Health – July 2021

Newborn hearing screening through the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program is indicated in Section 5 under “Follow-up Consultations”.

Hearing Screening (EHDI) <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required <input type="checkbox"/> Required

A “required” indication means that the infant is eligible for hearing screening, but screening was not completed in hospital (either a “missed screen” with no referral process to community audiology/screening site or screening not offered at the birth site). Infants born with aural atresia or presenting with meningitis are not eligible for screening. These infants will be referred directly to audiology services for diagnostic assessment.

The process used to action a “required” indication differs by zone:

Zone	Instructions
North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the EHDI Program Referral form for community screening Fax completed form to the nearest EHDI Program community screening site - <i>a list of sites currently offering hearing screening can be accessed via the service record on AHS.ca/ehdi</i> Parent or guardian will be contacted to book an appointment
Edmonton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the Audiology Service Consultation Request form (https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/frm-0787.pdf) Indicate “Hearing screening (EHDI)” under “reason for referral” Fax completed form to Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital (Fax: 780-735-6031) Parent or guardian will be contacted to book an appointment
Central	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact the parent or guardian identified on the Notice of Birth. This can be done independently or as part of the well-baby/child visit. Inquire as to whether the family has been contacted by Central Zone EHDI to book hearing screening appointment for their infant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If so, no further action. If not, provide the Central Zone central booking line to the parent or guardian to book a hearing screening appointment for their infant Central booking line: 1-844-314-6805
Calgary (urban)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During first postpartum visit, instruct the parents to contact Community Audiology to schedule a hearing screening appointment

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide parent with the EHDl Missed Screen handout with Community Audiology (Richmond Road Diagnostic Treatment Centre) contact information
Calgary (rural)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During first postpartum visit, instruct the parents to contact Rural Site Hospital (Canmore or High River) to schedule a hearing screening appointment • Provide parent with the EHDl Missed Screen handout with Rural Site contact information
South (SW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call Audiology and Children’s Allied Health at the Lethbridge Community Health Centre to book a hearing screening appointment for the infant (Phone: 403-388-6575 or 1-888-388-6575) • Complete the EHDl Program Referral form for community screening • Fax completed form to Audiology and Children’s Allied Health (Fax: 403-328-5139) • Parent or guardian will be contacted to book an appointment
South (SE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call Audiology at the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital to book a hearing screening appointment for the infant (Phone: 403-528-8175) • Complete the EHDl Program Referral form for community screening • Fax completed form to Audiology (Fax: 403-528-8190) • Parent or guardian will be contacted to book an appointment

If necessary, the EHDl Program Missed Screen (*Your baby’s hearing needs to be screened*) handout (<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/info/hp/ehdi/if-hp-ehdi-missed-screen-handout.pdf>) can be used to guide discussions with parents and guardians about newborn hearing screening.

For more information about the EHDl Program, visit [AHS.ca/ehdi](https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/ehdi) or search “EHDl” on Insite.