



New York State Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (NYEHDI)

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NY EHDI Program



EHDI 1-3-6 Goals

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Hearing screenings should be completed by 1 month

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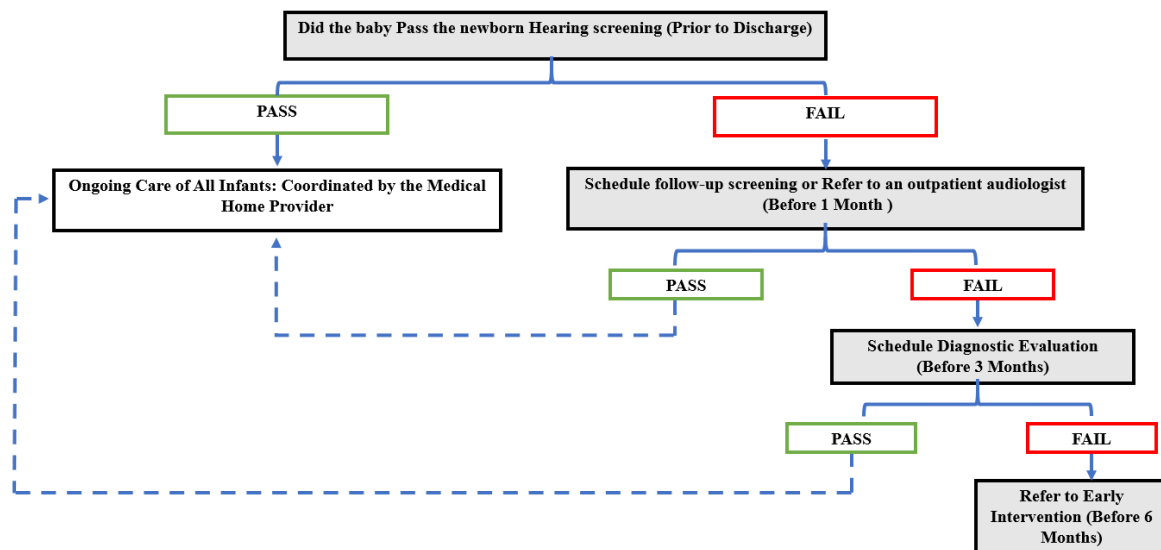
A diagnostic hearing evaluation by an audiologist by 3 months

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Early Intervention (EI) must be initiated by 6 months



Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Guidelines



What's New with EHDI

- ❖ Strengthening Foundational Activities
- ❖ Kids Quality Agenda Medicaid Managed Care Plan Performance Improvement Project (PIP)
- ❖ Family- Based Initiative

Foundational Activities

- Sharing data from EHDI-IS with hospitals and practices in routine manner
- Developing guidance documents to assist hospitals and practices with reaching the 1-3-6 EHDI goals
- Translating EHDI Brochures to other languages including Arabic, Bengali, Chinese (Simplified), Haitian Creole, Italian, Korean, Polish, Russian, Spanish (US)



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Kids Quality Agenda: Medicaid Managed Care (MCO) Plan Performance Improvement Project (PIP)

Who is involved?

- This is a collaboration between EHDI program, the Office of Health Insurance Programs (OHIP), and the Office of Quality and Patient Safety (OQPS)

What is the goal?

- The project aims to promote screening, testing, and linkage to services for :
 - Newborn hearing loss
 - Lead exposure
 - Early identification of developmentally at-risk children



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Kids Quality Agenda: Medicaid Managed Care (MCO) Plan Performance Improvement Project (PIP)

Target Population

Infants and toddlers who are enrolled in Managed Care Organization (MCO) plans and are identified with confirmed or suspected hearing loss

Activities

- Member-level matched data reports of the hearing screening and diagnostic evaluation results as well as Early Intervention referrals
 - Facilitate identification of members in need for screening/ testing/ follow up services
- On March 2021, NY EHDI Program surveyed counties about best practices that could help healthcare professionals with Newborn Hearing screening and Early Intervention processes
 - Results from the survey were used to create a guidance for MCOs



Family- Based Initiative

Goals

- Improve state-wide compliance with NYS EHDI's 1-3-6 goals
- Assist families of children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing (DHH) in developing skills that will lead to long-term leadership and advocacy skills

Activities

- Review the current NYEHDI training curriculum and educational materials to address gaps
- Development of new training curriculum and educational materials, with an emphasis on fostering parent knowledge and encouraging the development of leadership and advocacy skills
- Facilitating focus groups to evaluate new training curriculum and educational materials



Family- Based Initiative

Term of Contract

- November 1, 2021 – March 31, 2024
 - Year one is a 4-month project and Year two through Year three will be 12-month project years
- \$80,000 annually
 - Project Year one has additional funds in the amount of \$58,750

Funded Organization

To be announced upon approval



{ Thank You! }

Questions?

Please contact EHDI team at nyehdi@health.ny.gov

