

## How to Complete Pink EHDDI Cards

The Early Hearing-loss Detection, Diagnosis, and Intervention (EHDDI) Program was established to make sure infants receive hearing screens and appropriate follow-up services. It is important that all hearing screening results are reported to the EHDDI program so that infants receive accurate and timely follow-up.

**\*DO NOT DELAY IN SENDING THE NEWORN DRIED BLOOD SPOT CARD IF THE HEARING SCREENING HAS NOT BEEN PERFORMED\***

- 1. For the initial hearing screen, always use the original pink card.** The original pink card is the card associated with the 1<sup>st</sup> blood spot card used for that patient.
- 2. Never use a pink card for one patient, when the blood spot card was used (or could be used) for a different patient.**
- 3. If the original pink card is not available at time of initial screen, use a blue card for screen and write '*initial screen*' in the OPTIONAL NOTES section.**
- 4. Completing the pink hearing screen card:** Complete the white newborn dried blood spot card by pressing firmly with a ballpoint pen to ensure the Mother and Child's information is copied onto the pink hearing screening card. Separate the pink hearing screen card from the white newborn blood spot card.

After performing the hearing screen, complete the hearing screening section of the original pink card:

- a.** Fill in the date of screen
  - b.** Fill in the infant's pediatric clinic name (no initials please) in the Outpatient Provider section. You may also list the provider's name if clinic is unknown. Please do not place the Hospitalist's/Neonatologist's name in this section.
  - c.** Print your initials (i.e. ABC) in the Screener box.
  - d.** Select the screen method used, checking one box only.
  - e.** Indicate the results of the screen by checking either pass or refer. If an ear was not tested, leave box blank and indicate reason for not testing the infant in the Miscellaneous section.
  - f.** If the infant has a risk factor for late-onset hearing loss, select the appropriate box in the Risk Factor section. Risk factors are listed on the back of the pink card. If no risk factors are present, check the 0-No Risk Factors box. If you are unsure about the infants' risk factor status, please leave the risk factor boxes blank.
- 5.** If a hearing rescreen is to be performed at your facility, transfer the EHDDI ID number to a blue rescreen card using the EHDDI ID number stickers found on the pink card. Schedule the infant for a rescreen and file the blue card so the rescreen results can be reported later.

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**6. Special considerations:**

- a. If the patient was **discharged without receiving a hearing screen**, please write '*missed*' in the Miscellaneous section and send pink card to the EHDDI program immediately.
- b. If the patient is **in the NICU** and a hearing screen is planned before discharge, then hold original (from first blood spot) pink card until screen is done and then send in card. Please do not hold onto card longer than 3 weeks. If patient is in the NICU for longer than 3 weeks then send in card and write '*in NICU*' in the Miscellaneous section. Fill out a blue card when the screen is done and send it to the EHDDI program immediately.
- c. If the patient was **transferred to another hospital** and no screen was done at your hospital, then write '*transferred to (insert hospital name)*' in the Miscellaneous section of the original pink card and send in immediately.
- d. If the patient has **expired**, write '*expired*' in the Miscellaneous section and send the card in immediately.

**7. Every week, mail completed hearing screening cards to:**

EHDDI Program  
Washington State Department of Health  
1610 NE 150<sup>th</sup> Street  
Shoreline, WA 98155-0729

When you run out of hearing screening cards, order more cards online at [www.doh.wa.gov](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (search 'Order NBS Supplies').

For questions or concerns, please contact the EHDDI Program at (206) 418-5613 or by email at [EHDDI2@doh.wa.gov](mailto:EHDDI2@doh.wa.gov).

For additional information, please visit our website at [www.doh.wa.gov/EarlyHearingLoss](http://www.doh.wa.gov/EarlyHearingLoss).

THANK YOU!

