## **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 infants can receive accurate and timely follow-up.

Do not wait to send in the newborn blood spot card if the hearing screen has not been completed.

- 1. For the initial hearing screen, if possible, use the pink card from the first blood spot kit. Make sure the pink card belongs to the patient. The pink cards automatically link to the blood spot cards in our database and we don't want a hearing screen card linking to the wrong blood spot card.
- 2. If you cannot locate the pink card, use a blue rescreen card.
- **3.** Completing the pink hearing screen card: Complete the newborn blood spot card by pressing firmly with a pen to ensure that the Mother's and Child's information is copied onto the pink hearing screening card. Separate the pink hearing screen card from the newborn blood spot card.

After performing the hearing screen, complete the Hearing Screening section:

- **a.** Fill in the Date of Screen.
- **b.** Fill in the clinic ID number or clinic name in the Follow-up Clinic section. You may also list the provider's name if the clinic name is unknown. Please do not place the Hospitalist's or Neonatologist's name in this section.
- **c.** Print your initials in the Screener Initials box.
- **d.** Select the Test Method used, please check one box only.
- **e.** Indicate the results of the screen by checking either pass or refer. If an ear was not tested, leave the box blank and write the reason for not testing in the Miscellaneous section.
- f. If the infant has a risk factor for late-onset hearing loss, select the appropriate box in the Risk Factors section. A list of risk factors is 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.
- **4.** 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.

## **5.** Special considerations:

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

## 1. 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, cards can be ordered online at <a href="www.doh.wa.gov">www.doh.wa.gov</a> (search 'Order NBS Supplies').

For questions or concerns, please contact the EHDDI Program at (206) 418-5613 or at EHDDI2@doh.wa.gov.

For additional information, please visit our website at www.doh.wa.gov/EarlyHearingLoss.



