

**216.2970 Auditory screening of infants at hospitals and birthing centers -- Forwarding of reports.**

- (1) As a condition of licensure or relicensure, all hospitals offering obstetric services and alternative birthing centers with at least forty (40) births per year shall provide an auditory screening for all infants using one (1) of the methods approved by the Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs by administrative regulation promulgated in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A.
- (2) An auditory screening report that indicates a finding of potential hearing loss shall be forwarded by the hospital or alternative birthing center within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt to the:
  - (a) Attending physician or health care provider;
  - (b) Parents;
  - (c) Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs for evaluation or referral for further evaluation in accordance with KRS 211.647; and
  - (d) Audiological assessment and diagnostic center approved by the commission if a follow-up assessment has been scheduled prior to the infant's discharge from the hospital.
- (3) An auditory screening report that does not indicate a potential hearing loss shall be forwarded within one (1) week to the Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs with no information that personally identifies the child.

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