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## Newborn Hearing Screening

Baby Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parent,

Your baby was discharged before receiving a hearing screening hearing screening.

Your baby's hearing needs to be re-screened in the

left ear

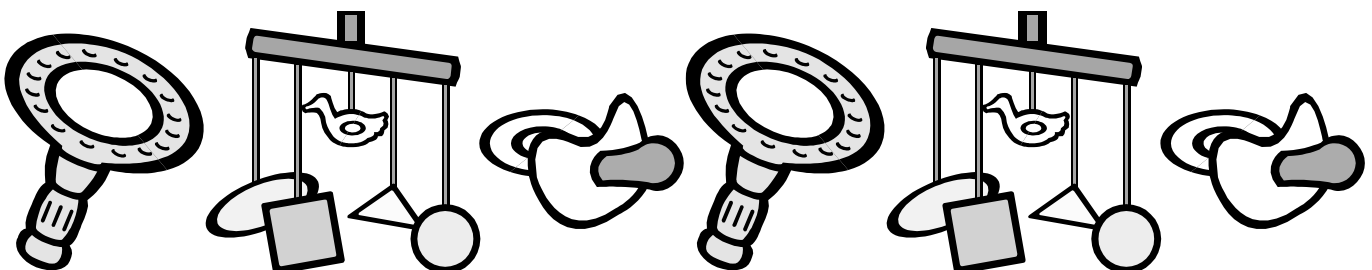
right ear

It is through hearing that your child will learn to talk. Three newborns per one thousand have permanent hearing loss. Although it is unlikely your baby will have a hearing loss, if there is one, it is important that you know about it as soon as possible.

The first two years of your child's life are the most important for learning speech and language. It is important to diagnose hearing problems early because a hearing loss can prevent your baby from learning speech and language.

Your baby is scheduled to return for a hearing screening on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

If you have any questions about the hearing screening prior to your appointment, please call us at **(your phone number)**



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## What to watch for in your baby's hearing...

### Birth to three months...

- ❖ Startles to sudden loud noises
- ❖ Stirs, wakes up, or cries to loud sounds
- ❖ Soothes or calms to your voice
- ❖ Makes cooing sounds

### Three to six months...

- ❖ Begins to turn eyes or head to sounds
- ❖ Stops crying when spoken to
- ❖ Awakens easily to sounds
- ❖ Begins making vowel sounds such as "ah" and "ou"

### Six to nine months...

- ❖ Looks for family members when named
- ❖ Turns head towards sounds
- ❖ Will respond to own name
- ❖ Responds to simple requests with gestures
- ❖ Begins babbling, such as "baba" and "mamama"
- ❖ Uses voice to get your attention

### Nine to twelve months...

- ❖ Understands "No", "Bye bye"
- ❖ Responds to soft sounds
- ❖ Looks at pictures when named
- ❖ Repeats simple sounds that you make
- ❖ Uses voice when playing alone

