Kansas Administrative Regulations

Department of Health and Environment

Article 4.—Maternal and Child Health—Newborn Infant Hearing Screening Act.

28-4-612. Responsibilities of persons providing audiologic assessment after discharge.

Each person who determines that a newborn or infant has a hearing loss shall be responsible for the following:

(a) Being licensed to practice audiology in Kansas;

(b) providing the test results to the parent, the child's primary medical care provider, and the medical care facility where the child was born;

(c) reporting the test results to the department;

(d) providing information to the parent regarding the following topics:

(1) Normal hearing, speech, and language development;

(2) progressive and acquired hearing loss;

(3) the importance of medical evaluation and diagnosis;

(4) the importance of early intervention;

(5) amplification options;

(6) assistive device options;

(7) local early intervention services and educational programs; and

(8) the availability and importance of parent-to-parent support;

(e) in consultation with the newborn's or infant's primary care physician, referring the child and parent to an otolaryngologist for medical assessment;

(f) discussing referral for additional specialty evaluations, including genetics, ophthalmology, and child development, with the parent and the child's primary care physician;

(g) if appropriate, ensuring that medical clearance for amplification has been obtained and initiating the amplification process;

(h) providing information and referral for funding assistance, if necessary; and

(i) with the permission of the parent, referring the parent and the newborn or infant to early intervention services and working with the parent and providers of early intervention services in developing a service plan.

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