Kansas Administrative Regulations

Department of Health and Environment

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

28-4-611. Responsibilities of persons providing hearing screening after discharge.

(a) Hearing screening conducted after discharge shall be completed before the newborn is 30 days old, unless a different time period is medically indicated.

(b) Each person providing hearing screening after discharge shall be responsible for the following:

(1) Following the hearing screening protocol, as specified in K.A.R. 28-4-601;

(2) providing the screening results to the following:

(A) The newborn's or infant's parent;

(B) the newborn's or infant's primary medical care provider;

(C) the department, as specified in K.A.R. 28-4-605; and

(D) with parental consent, the medical care facility or facilities where the newborn was delivered and discharged;

(3) providing information to the parent about normal hearing, speech, and language development;

(4) providing information to the parent about delayed-onset, progressive, and acquired hearing loss;

(5) providing information to the parent about follow-up audiologic assessment if the newborn or infant does not pass the hearing screening; and

(6) providing a list of audiologic assessment provider sites for infants younger than five months of age.

(c) For missed appointments, each person providing hearing screening after discharge shall make a reasonable effort to contact the parent to reschedule the hearing screening.

To be considered a reasonable effort, the person shall document at least two attempts to contact the newborn's or infant's parent by mail or phone. If necessary, the person shall use information available from the referring agency, the newborn's or infant's primary medical care provider, the local public health office, or other agencies.

(d) Each person providing hearing screening after discharge shall notify the newborn's or infant's primary medical care provider after two unsuccessful attempts to contact the child's parent.

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