

(e) "Program" means the program that the Secretary establishes to provide for the early identification and follow-up of hearing-impaired infants and infants who have a risk factor of developing a hearing impairment.

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(a) The Secretary shall establish a program for the early identification and follow-up of infants who have a risk factor for developing a hearing impairment.

(b) The program shall be based on the model system developed by the Department.

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(a) There is an Advisory Council for the program.

(b) (1) The Advisory Council consists of 10 members appointed by the Secretary.

(2) Of the 10 members:

(i) 1 shall be a physician;

(ii) 3 shall be from the field of education:

1. 1 shall be from the Maryland State Department of Education;

2. 1 shall be from the Maryland School for the Deaf; and

3. 1 shall be an educator of the deaf from a local education agency;

(iii) 1 shall be from the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene;

(iv) 1 shall be a mental health professional with expertise in the area of deafness;

(v) 2 shall be parents of hearing-impaired [infants or of hearing-impaired young] children;

(vi) 1 shall be from the Maryland Association of the Deaf; and

(vii) 1 shall be an audiologist.

(c) The Advisory Council shall elect a chairperson from among its members.