

(b) The Secretary shall:

(1) Develop a system to gather and maintain data;

(2) Develop methods:

(i) To contact parents or guardians of hearing-impaired infants and infants who have a risk factor of developing a hearing impairment; and

(ii) To refer the parents or guardians to appropriate services;

(3) Establish a telephone hot line to communicate information about hearing impairment and services for hearing-impaired infants;

(4) Appoint an Advisory Council for the program;

(5) Meet annually with the Advisory Council; and

(6) In consultation with the Advisory Council, adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement the program.

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(a) A hospital shall prepare, on the form that the Secretary provides, a report on each infant with a risk factor who is born alive in the hospital. If an infant is born outside the hospital, the person filling out the birth certificate shall make a report under this section.

(b) The Secretary shall determine the contents of the report required under subsection (a) of this section.

(c) The report shall be submitted to the Secretary.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1989.

Approved May 5, 1989.

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