

(g) In consultation with the Advisory Council, the Department shall develop guidelines for the operations of the Advisory Council.

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(a) The Secretary may contract with any qualified person to administer the program.

(b) The Secretary shall:

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

(2) Develop methods TO:

(i) CONTACT PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF NEWBORNS AND THEIR IDENTIFIED PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS REGARDING THE RESULTS OF THE NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING;

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

[(ii)](iii) [To refer] 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.]

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AS PART OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT AS PART OF THE BIRTH EVENT, A HOSPITAL SHALL INCLUDE THE RESULTS OF THE UNIVERSAL HEARING SCREENING OF THE NEWBORN.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: