

(5) ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROTOCOLS TO ASSIST HOSPITALS IN IMPLEMENTING UNIVERSAL HEARING SCREENING OF NEWBORNS.

(6) Provide consultation to the Department in the establishment of an educational program for families, professionals, and the public that can be integrated with existing State and local education agency programs; and

[(6)](7) Review any materials the Department may distribute to the public concerning hearing-impaired NEWBORNS AND infants.

(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.