



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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This letter is to notify you the Arizona Department of Health Services Office of Newborn Screening will resume follow up case management for hearing screening. This change will be phased in beginning July 1st for all babies born in 2019. Babies born in 2018 will continue to be followed by the EAR Foundation of Arizona (Ear Foundation) until August 23, 2019. Beginning August 26, 2019 all follow up will be completed by the Office of Newborn Screening.

There will be NO change in requirements, including; reporting hearing screening and diagnostic testing (including normal results) on all newborns and infants up to two years of age, within 7 days of exam (per AAC R9-13-207). Please continue to fax all results for newborns/infants to 602-364-1495.

The Arizona Department of Health Services would like to express our sincere appreciation to the EAR Foundation for their seamless provision of follow-up services on behalf of the Office of Newborn screenings. Their work ensured that all newborns received needed the follow up services to ensure timely identification and access to intervention and parent support services. We look forward to continued partnerships in serving Arizona babies.

If you have questions, please contact the Office of Newborn Screening at hearing@azdhs.gov or 602-364-1409.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sonal Bhakta".

Sonal Bhakta, Chief
Office of Newborn Screening

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