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Subject: Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program Discontinued ability to report hearing screens through the Electronic Birth Certificate

Dear Hospital:

The Electronic Birth Certificate (EBC) system is near end of life and is scheduled for replacement in 2020. In the planned replacement system, the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) program will no longer be able to receive hearing results through this mechanism. This change will be effective *January 1, 2020*.

An alternative method for reporting is to document the hearing results on the hearing card that is attached to the metabolic blood spot card. The results reported would be the same information as what is documented in the EBC system: test date, results for each ear, and test method. If a test was not completed, document the reason for the incomplete test. These hearing cards need to be mailed on a weekly basis to the address listed below. Your hospital can begin this type of reporting immediately. Another method for reporting of the hearing results will be using the Health Level Seven (HL7) message, this option should be available starting in the fall of 2019.

Address for mailing the hearing cards is:
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)-EHDI
Attn: Erin Estrada
PO Box 30195
Lansing, MI 48909

If you have clinical questions relating to newborn hearing screening or questions regarding this change, please do not hesitate to contact me at 517-335-8788 or garciam@michigan.gov. You will receive more information regarding this change prior to the January 1, 2020 effective change date.

Sincerely,

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