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Dear Dr. _____

The Infant Hearing Program recently completed an updated resource guide of best practices for audiologists in Arkansas completing hearing screenings and/or evaluations on infants aged birth to three years. The enclosed *Audiologists' Guide for Infant Diagnostic Evaluation* is enclosed as a resource to assist in navigating the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) process in accordance with current guidelines. These recommendations take into consideration information from national organizations, such as, the National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management (NCHAM), the Joint Committee of Infant Hearing (JCIH), the American Academy of Audiology (AAA) and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). We hope this document provides you with useful information as you provide services to babies in Arkansas!

This document serves to facilitate the diagnosis of hearing loss in infants. ADH recognizes individual cases may present unique challenges influencing the approach to evaluation and management. Therefore, these recommendations should be regarded as a resource guideline for practice, not as standards, and are not intended or designed to substitute for the reasonable exercise of independent clinical judgment.

The Infant Hearing Program provides technical assistance and educational resources to clinics to assist in guiding parents through the early hearing detection and intervention process. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are interested in obtaining additional assistance/resources at your clinic. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact us at 501-280-4740.

Sincerely,

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