Board of Medicine
Guidance Document
Role of Licensed Midwives in Newborn Hearing Screening, Documentation, and Reporting

1. Record risk indicators for hearing loss, as recommended by the Joint Committee on Infant Hearing in the most recent position statement.
    a. That statement can be found at the following Web site: http://www.jcih.org/ .
    b. Clarifications for these risk indicators can be found on the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) Virginia Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Web site, under, http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/ofhs/childandfamily/childhealth/hearing/hospitals.htm, Hospital Protocols for Newborn Hearing Screening as well as Risk Indicators for Progressive or Delayed-Onset Hearing Loss.

2. Report infants with risk indicators, regardless of whether or not the CPM conducts a physiological newborn hearing screening, to the VDH Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program.
    a. Screening/Audiological Reporting Form (revised 01/12) can be downloaded from http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/ofhs/childandfamily/childhealth/hearing/audiologists.htm
    b. Instructions can be downloaded from http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/ofhs/childandfamily/childhealth/hearing/audiologists.htm

3. Conduct initial physiological hearing screen or refer to an audiologist for the initial hearing screen.

    a. If the CPM elects to perform the physiological newborn hearing screening, the results should be reported on the same form referenced in 2. a. above.
    b. If the CPM elects to perform the physiological newborn hearing screening and the parent refuses the screening, this also should be reported on the above-referenced form.

4. The results of the newborn hearing screening conducted by the CPM can be reported on the form, in Section E. Parent refusal should be noted in the same section. When the form is revised, screening results can be recorded in Section E; refusals should be recorded under Notes/Comments. The CPM should not use this form to report results of screening conducted by other parties.

5. If the CPM elects to refer the infant for the physiological newborn hearing screening, a list of audiologists approved for full assessment can be found on the program Web site www.vahealth.org/hearing by selecting the Audiological Facilities tab or by visiting the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Pediatric Audiology Links to Services (EHDIPALS) web site http://www.ehdipals.org/SmartTool/EP_SmartTool.aspx

6. Information about newborn hearing screening equipment can be found on the National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management (NCHAM) Web site, http://www.infanthearing.org/screening/equipment.html . NCHAM is the National Resource Center for Early Hearing Detection and Intervention and is supported by grant funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Maternal and Child Health Bureau.

7. Questions regarding protocols and the VDH EHDI Program management can be directed to Ruth Frierson, Program Manager, at 804-864-7713 or ruth.frierson@vdh.virginia.gov. Questions about managing referrals can be directed to Daphne Miller, toll free at 866-493-1090.