



Most insurance companies recognize the importance of newborn hearing screening and cover the costs. For specific benefit coverage information, contact your insurer and refer to the billing codes below.

Envision Physician Services provides the service in partnership with your hospital. Depending on your insurance coverage, you may have some responsibility.

- **CPT code 92650** — Auditory-evoked screening of auditory potential with broad-band stimuli, automated analysis describes screening typically used for newborns in hospital and outpatient settings.
- If you have health insurance coverage, your benefits will determine the actual amount you owe (including deductibles, copayments, co-insurance and out-of-pocket maximum).
- If you do not have insurance coverage, the maximum out-of-pocket charge of \$150 is billed to you directly.
- Scan the QR code for billing inquiries, payments or to request a good faith estimate.
- For questions regarding your bill, contact our customer service department, Zotec Partners, at **866.773.1281** or log into our portal: **<https://MyDocBill.com/EVSC>**.

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# Perinatal Nurse Navigator Program



# The Importance of Hearing Screening

**Hearing screening** is a simple, safe and painless way to know if your baby can hear or if follow-up audiology testing is needed. Half of the children with hearing loss have no identifiable risk factors.

## Why Is Hearing Screening Important?

From birth, babies begin to connect sounds with language and communication. Identifying hearing loss in newborns starts the crucial early interventions that help them reach speech, language and development milestones.

The ability to hear is the foundation of your baby's ability to learn. Left undetected, hearing impairment in infants can delay speech and language development, academic achievement and social/emotional development. Early identification by three months and intervention by six months is vital for your child's development. For this reason, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends newborn hearing screening during the first days of life.

**Envision has partnered with your hospital to provide your baby's first hearing screening.**

## MILESTONES

Monitor your baby's hearing, speech and language development.

## How Will My Baby's Hearing Screening Be Performed?

Hearing Screening can be conducted in the patient's room. It takes about 15 minutes on a quiet and sleeping baby. Small sensors are placed on your baby's head and earphones are placed in the ears. The sensors measure how the hearing nerves and brain respond to soft sounds introduced by the earphones. This hearing screen is known as Automated Auditory Brainstem Response (AABR) screening.

### PASS Result

Follow milestones to monitor your baby's hearing, speech and language development, based on their age. Discuss any concerns with your baby's physician.

### REFER Result

Refer result means your baby did not pass in one or both ears. Sometimes factors such as debris in the ear canal, restless baby or a loud screening environment can interfere with the results. Follow-up testing with an audiologist is recommended to determine if this is a temporary issue or if there is hearing loss.



## Developmental Milestones

Use the following milestones to monitor your baby's hearing, speech and language development.



### Birth to 3 Months

- Jumps or blinks at loud sounds
- Stirs or awakens when someone talks
- Makes vowel sounds like "ohh" and "ahh"
- Quiets or smiles when spoken to

### 3 to 6 Months

- Looks for sounds with eyes
- Responds to your voice when you cannot be seen
- Enjoys toys that make sounds
- Pays attention to music
- Starts babbling ("baba," "mama," "gaga," etc.)
- Uses a variety of sounds, squeals, chuckles, etc.

### 6 to 9 Months

- Turns head toward loud sounds
- Responds to his or her name
- Begins to imitate speech sounds
- Understands "no-no" or "bye-bye"

### 9 to 12 months

- Repeats simple words or sounds you make
- Correctly uses "mama" or "dada"
- Responds to singing or music
- Points to favorite toys and objects when asked