

Screening for Out-of-State Births

Infants whose parents are residents of Georgia, but are born in another state (Border State Babies) are followed up according to the same procedures as infants that are residents of Georgia and born in Georgia. Neighboring states have differing protocols with regard to notification and follow-up procedures.



Hearing Screening: Once a referral is received from another state indicating a newborn “referred” on hearing screening or was identified with hearing impairment, that information is forwarded to the local EHD District Coordinator for appropriate follow-up, documentation, and referrals to other Georgia public health programs.

Hearing results for infants that are born in Georgia but reside in another state are forwarded to the appropriate state’s EHD Coordinator for immediate notification and follow-up.

Blood Screening: Once an abnormal lab report is received from another state, the information is forwarded to the appropriate blood follow-up program with documentation and referrals to other Georgia public health programs and healthcare providers.

Abnormal lab results for infants that are born in Georgia but reside in another state are forwarded to the appropriate state’s Newborn Screening Program for immediate notification and follow-up.

CCHD Screening: Newborns that screen positive (fail) should **not** be discharged from the birthing hospital or birthing facility until a complete follow-up assessment is performed.