



SECTION J: HEARING

J1. The local health department shall make available hearing screening for preschool children between the ages of three and five years. [State of Michigan MPR 1, 1999]

J1.1 There is a system in place to schedule children between the ages of three and five years for hearing screening upon request.

To fully meet this indicator:

The local health department maintains on file:

- a. A written policy or program plan articulating procedures for hearing screening for children between the ages of three and five years; **AND**
- b. An annual timetable for the purpose of notifying the public of hearing screening dates, locations, and procedures for scheduling preschool children ages three to five; **AND**
- c. Evidence of public announcements and media advertisements that publicize opportunities for scheduling preschool children for hearing screening at local health departments and/or other locations.

J1.2 Documentation of hearing screening is on file for children between the ages of three and five years.

To fully meet this indicator:

The local health department maintains on file:

- a. Individual client screening forms and an appointment book or agency calendar for the past year showing preschool children who were scheduled and received hearing screening services; **AND**
- b. A list of names and referral forms for preschool children who were referred for further evaluation; **AND**



- c. A list of HeadStart and child-care centers scheduled to receive hearing screening services for the current year, unless these populations are screened through EPSDT.



J2. The local health department shall assure that school-age children receive hearing screening every other year through grade 6. [State of Michigan MPR 2, 1999]

J2.1 Program activity reports and statistics document the provision of hearing screening in all private and public (including charter) schools for all estimated children in need (e.g., total number of children in grades K, 2, 4 and 6).

To fully meet this indicator:

The local health department maintains on file:

- a. A chart or schedule documenting agency hearing technician assignments and/or responsibilities for the current year; **AND**
- b. A written policy or program plan articulating the level of frequency for hearing screening for school-age children; **AND**
- c. A composite list of names of school-age children who were screened and referred for the past year; **AND**
- d. The local health department monthly statistical records indicating the number of school-age children screened for the past year.



J3. The local health department shall assure that hearing screening is conducted in accordance with the Michigan Department of Community Health Manual For Public Health Hearing Screening (H-141b, Rev. 6/92). [State of Michigan MPR 3, 1999]

J3.1 All Stage I hearing screening is conducted individually with a pure tone audiometer at the frequencies of 1,000, 2,000 and 4,000 Hertz at the intensities of 20 and 25 decibels respectively in each ear.

To fully meet this indicator:

- a. The local health department maintains on file the Michigan Department of Community Health Manual For Public Health Hearing Screening (H-141b, Rev. 6/92) and observation of operating protocols indicates compliance with the manual; **AND**
- b. Appropriate and operational supplies and equipment for hearing technicians to perform preschool and school-age hearing screening.

J3.2 Hearing screening records indicate that a standard air conduction threshold audiogram reading of 250, 500, 1000, 2000, 4,000, 8,000 Hz and unmasked bone conduction thresholds at 250, 500, and 1,000 Hz is conducted during Stage II for any child responding inappropriately to any stimulation in either ear during Stage I.

To fully meet this indicator:

The local health department maintains:

- a. The local health department maintains on file the Michigan Department of Community Health Manual For Public Health Hearing Screening (H-141b, Rev. 6/92) and observation of operating protocols indicates compliance with the manual; **AND**
- b. Appropriate and operational supplies and equipment for hearing technicians to perform preschool and school-age hearing screening.

J3.3 Hearing screening records indicate that any child whose audiogram indicates abnormal hearing is referred for a physician's evaluation and placed on a roster for periodic retesting based on recommended referral criteria.



To fully meet this indicator:

The local health department's files on children whose audiograms indicate abnormal hearing confirms that these children are referred for a physician's evaluation and are placed on a roster for periodic retesting based on recommended referral criteria.



J4. Where follow-up treatment is required, the local health department shall assure that a written statement indicating the necessary course of action is provided to the parent or guardian of the child. [State of Michigan MPR 4, 1999]

J4.1 Documentation exists that written statements indicating the necessary course of action has been provided to parents or guardians of children whenever follow-up examination or treatment is necessary as a result of hearing screening.

To fully meet this indicator:

The local health department maintains on file parent letters indicating confirmation of the process for follow-up of children referred from Stage II screening.

J4.2 Documentation exists to demonstrate whether children referred for additional examination or treatment have received the recommended additional services.

To fully meet this indicator:

The local health department maintains on file otology clinic reports, documentation from physicians (H401BCDD or letter), or confirmation from parents that children have received treatment.



J5. The local health department shall assure that individuals administering the screening and testing are trained in accordance with curriculum approved by Michigan Department of Community Health. [State of Michigan MPR 5, 1999]

J5.1 All hearing technicians have attended a Michigan Department of Community Health approved training (Stage I and Stage II) and received passing grades in both written testing and practical application.

To fully meet this indicator:

The local health department maintains on file:

a. Hearing technician certificates confirming that technicians have participated and passed the approved Michigan Department of Community Health training course for the Hearing Screening Program.

J5.2 All hearing technicians have attended at least one Michigan Department of Community Health approved skills workshop within the last 24 months.

To fully meet this indicator:

The local health department maintains on file attendance certificates from Michigan Department of Community Health Annual Technician Workshops.



J6. A local health department shall conduct periodic free hearing programs for the testing and screening of children residing in its jurisdiction. The time and place of the programs shall be publicized. [State of Michigan MPR 6, 1999]

J6.1 All hearing screening services are provided to children without charge to parents or guardians.

To fully meet this indicator:

The local health department maintains on file:

- a. A written policy or program plan articulating the opportunity to receive free preschool and school-age hearing screening services; **AND**
- b. Documentation such as copies of public bulletins or public service announcements that include language indicating that free hearing testing is available.