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MEMORANDUM

To: Audiology Providers

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Georgia Universal Newborn Hearing Screening and Intervention (UNHSI) Program

Subject: Fall UNHSI Program Updates

Form 3300, Certificate of Vision, Hearing, Dental and Nutrition Screening

Remember that the Form 3300 has been revised and is available to use for the 2013-2014 school year. Please carefully read and review the revised form to ensure the form is completed accurately. Hearing screening standards for a "Pass" hearing screen are stated on the form. The revised form is attached. If you have any questions about this form or how to complete the form, you can call or email the state office.

UNHSI Contacts

UNHSI has experienced staff turnover and relocation of health district offices in the past months. Please welcome our new UNHSI District Coordinators. Attached is a revised contact list of UNHSI District Coordinators. Additionally, please note that phone numbers for state office staff, Tammy and Kelly, have changed. Please update your contact lists accordingly.

Reporting Hearing Screening and Diagnostic Results

When reporting hearing screening or diagnostic results to UNHSI, it is important that the information be reported on the correct form. Please ensure the form is filled out completely and all information is accurate. Mistakes in reporting cause delays in referrals to intervention programs or assistance in facilitating follow up appointments. The Children 1st Screening and Referral form should be used for hearing screen results and the Surveillance form for diagnostic testing [threshold search by Auditory Brainstem Response (ABR) or behavioral testing].

UNHSI often receives questions on when to indicate "Transient Conductive" versus "Conductive". "Conductive" should be used in cases of chronic conductive hearing loss where a hearing aid is recommended and/or after medical intervention, such as ear tubes, and the conductive hearing loss is still present. "Transient Conductive" is to be used in cases where the professional suspects that after medical treatment by antibiotics or ear tubes the hearing loss will resolve and no other intervention, such as speech or hearing aids will be needed. For more clarification on how to complete the form, please see the attached form, which includes definitions on page 2.





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Georgia Hearing Aid Loaner Bank (GA HALB)

In September, GA HALB will have been available to families in Georgia for one year. UNHSI is pleased to announce that 8 children have been able to utilize hearing aids from the loaner aid bank. After our first year, UNHSI understands and plans to improve the procedures when applying for, obtaining, and returning hearing aids used through the GA HALB. Until these updates are completed, please continue to contact the UNHSI District Coordinator of the health district that the child resides in when looking to fit a child with a hearing aid from the GA HALB. Thank you for your patience as we streamline and improve our process.

If you have any questions or comments about information provided in this memo or about UNHSI, please contact Kelly Hermanns, UNHSI Program Consultant at kahermanns@dhr.state.ga.us or Tammy Uehlin, UNHSI Program Coordinator at truehlin@dhr.state.ga.us.



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