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TO: ALL CHILD HEALTH AND DISABILITY PREVENTION (CHDP)  
PROGRAM DIRECTORS, DEPUTY DIRECTORS, HEALTH  
EDUCATORS, STATE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES (CMS)  
BRANCH STAFF AND REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF

SUBJECT: Audiometric Screening and Play Audiometry training program for CHDP  
hearing screeners

This Program letter is to inform all local CHDP programs that the audiometric screening and play audiometry training program for CHDP hearing screeners has been sent under separate cover to each local CHDP program (Director or Deputy Director). The training materials have been developed by CMS to assist local CHDP programs to provide supportive, in-service education for the CHDP providers to help assure that providers meet the quality of care standards of the program.

The CHDP Periodicity Schedule requires hearing screening at each comprehensive health assessment visit. The hearing screening for children ages three to 21 years is to be done using a pure tone air conduction audiometer. All persons administering a pure tone audiometric screening test for the CHDP health assessment must have completed a CHDP-approved training in screening audiometry. Documentation of completed training is reviewed at the provider site review.

To ensure that all CHDP Provider staff can participate in approved trainings, local CHDP programs organize the presentation of trainings. The packaged DVD, training implementation guide and materials being sent to each local program will make it possible for local CHDP programs to conduct approved trainings as frequently as they deem necessary without additional support from the State CHDP staff. The training package includes implementation instructions and reproducible materials for participants. Local CHDP programs that have established audiometric screening trainings previously approved by the State may continue to use those programs.

The training package should be reviewed in its entirety by all local CHDP program personnel who have responsibility for assuring that CHDP providers are prepared to deliver quality services under the CHDP program. Local CHDP programs are encouraged to include Head Start and State Preschool staff when offering Audiometric

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Screening Training. The training package being sent to local CHDP programs is not for distribution to other agencies and is intended for use solely under the auspicious of the CHDP program. A limited number of packages/binders have been produced to serve as master files for each local program. The package is not yet available in a complete downloadable electronic format.

If you have questions or concerns about the hearing screening training package, please contact the CHDP Regional Nurse Consultant or email either

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