

Early Start Referrals Guidelines for Audiologists

Recommendations from the California Department of Education and the
Department of Health Care Services

	Mild	Moderate	Moderate- Severe	Severe	Profound
Unilateral Hearing Loss	Refer to Early Start only if middle ear assessment indicates a sensorineural component	Refer to Early Start only if middle ear assessment indicates a sensorineural component	* Refer to Early Start	* Refer to Early Start	* Refer to Early Start
Bilateral Hearing Loss	Refer to Early Start only if middle ear assessment indicates a sensorineural component	Refer to Early Start only if middle ear assessment indicates a sensorineural component	* Refer to Early Start	* Refer to Early Start	* Refer to Early Start
Atresia	Refer ALL infants with Atresia to Early Start				
Auditory Neuropathy/ Dys-synchrony	Refer ALL infants with Auditory Neuropathy/Dys-synchrony, regardless of type and severity of hearing loss				
Unilateral or Bilateral Prolonged Conductive Loss	Refer infants with long term (3 months or more) or permanent conductive hearing loss				
Speech Delay	Refer ALL children with speech delay and hearing loss, regardless of type and severity.				