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Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

‘Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8822, sub-§4-A is enacted to read:

4-A. Follow-up appointment with an audiologist. Upon the approval of a parent or legal guardian of a newborn who is screened and receives a screening result of "refer," the birthing hospital, birthing center, hospital or other medical facility in which the child was screened must schedule the newborn for a follow-up appointment with an audiologist. That follow-up appointment must be scheduled prior to discharge, when possible. The hospital, center or facility must notify the newborn's primary care provider in writing of the screening result and audiologist appointment. This notice must be prepared prior to discharge, when possible.

SUMMARY

This amendment includes hospitals and other medical facilities in the group of facilities required to schedule follow-up appointments for certain newborns. This amendment also specifies that the follow-up appointment, if possible, be scheduled prior to discharge. Finally, the amendment provides that the notice to the newborn's primary care provider must, if possible, be prepared prior to discharge.