

Chapter: Health Screening and Examination
Title: Hearing/Vision Screenings

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ACA Standard(s): 3-JCRF-4C-18

(a) **Standard.**

Each youth will receive vision and hearing screening annually if glasses or hearing aids are worn. Otherwise vision and hearing screenings are completed at ages 12, 15, and 18. Youth over age 18 are screened only if glasses are prescribed and/or if the youth complains of vision or hearing difficulties. Only prescribed contact lenses are allowed.

(b) **Procedures.**

(1) **Hearing Screening (under 18 y/o or complains of decreased hearing).**

- (A) Schedule appointment with assigned institutional medical clinic or off-site provider to perform test.
Person Responsible: Nurse
- (B) Perform sweep check on right and left ears.
Person Responsible: Institutional Nurse or Off-Site Provider
- (C) Document on standard hearing form in EMR.
Person Responsible: Institutional Nurse or Off-Site Provider
- (D) Re-screen in two (2) weeks if the first screen is failed according to guidelines.
Person Responsible: Institutional Nurse or Off-Site Provider
- (E) Perform threshold if second screen is failed.
Person Responsible: Institutional Nurse or Off-Site Provider
- (F) Refer to physician for evaluation if threshold is failed.
Person Responsible: Nurse
- (G) Evaluate for any problem; treat accordingly.
Person Responsible: Physician
- (H) Retest youth after treatment.
Person Responsible: Institutional Nurse
- (I) Refer to specialist if test is failed.
Person Responsible: Physician

* NOTE: Steps (B)-(F) done by off-site providers at their discretion.

(2) **Vision Screening.**

- (A) Schedule appointment with assigned institutional medical clinic or off-site provider to perform visual screening.
Person Responsible: Nurse
- (B) Check far acuity in right and left eye.
Person Responsible: Institutional Nurse or Off-Site Provider

- (C) Check near acuity in right and left eye, if history indicates.
Person Responsible: Institutional Nurse or Off-Site Provider
- (D) Document on standard vision form in EMR, if applicable.
Person Responsible: Institutional Nurse or Off-Site Provider
- (E) If any screening component is failed (20/40 or greater), refer to ophthalmologist/optometrist for evaluation.
Person Responsible: Nurse
- (F) Obtain approval for referral from the Utilization Review Department.
Person Responsible: Nurse
- (G) Fit youth with approved state-issued frames at assigned institution and reference frame style and color on triplicate vendor treatment form.
Person Responsible: Institutional Nurse
- (H) Return triplicate vendor treatment form to the halfway house.
Person Responsible: Institutional Nurse
- (I) Send triplicate Vendor Treatment Form with Off-Campus Consultation form to ophthalmologist/optometrist for completion.
Person Responsible: Human Services Specialist (HSS) / Juvenile Correctional Officer (JCO)
- (J) Fax to vendor to be filled.
Person Responsible: HSS/JCO
- (K) Upon receipt of glasses, present them to youth with instructions for care.
Person Responsible: HSS/JCO
- (L) Document on Treatment and Intervention Record, HLS-505.
Person Responsible: HSS/JCO
- (M) Scan vendor record into EMR.
Person Responsible: Nurse

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