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## **Rhode Island Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Shared Plan of Care (SPOC):**

### **1.0 Purpose**

To ensure that all families who have a child diagnosed with hearing loss has a Shared Plan of Care.

### **2.0 Persons Affected**

Newborns, parents or caregivers, RIEHDI Parent Specialist at the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH), physicians, audiologist, ears, nose and throat (ENT), health centers, specialty providers, nurses and social workers, Family visiting program, Early Intervention.

### **3.0 Policy**

All children, who are residents of Rhode Island and are diagnosed as deaf or hard of hearing, should be offered a Shared Plan of Care. The SPOC is a patient-centered health record designed to facilitate communication among members of the care team, including the patient and providers.<sup>1</sup>The goals of the Rhode Island Early Hearing Detection and Intervention's Shared Plan of Care (SPOC) are to:

- Ensure families are empowered to guide their own support team, to set clear expectations, and to define their own strengths;
- Provide a road map for providers who want to support families but may have limited knowledge around hearing loss, and/or early childhood support services. With a diverse group parents may draw on their interdisciplinary team of providers to coordinate with each other.

### **4.0 Responsibilities**

4.1 The RI-EHDI program is responsible for ensuring that all families of children with hearing loss receive a binder including the SPOC tool

4.2 The RIEHDI program is responsible for the explanation of the use and benefits of the SPOC tool provided to parents/caregivers.

4.3 The family's Early Intervention Provider is responsible for reminding parents/caregivers about the use and benefits of the SPOC to the family.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://integrationacademy.ahrq.gov/products/playbooks/behavioral-health-and-primary-care/implementing-plan/develop-shared-care-plan>

