

## **Opportunities for Genetic Referral during the EHDI Process**

There are typical encounters throughout the EHDI Follow-up Services System which present opportunities to make referrals for genetic services. The following list identifies the encounter and the most likely provider to have an opportunity to make the referral.

To maximize the likelihood that a referral is both made and followed up on by the family, the message about the importance and benefit of genetic consultation should be provided at every opportunity. There always is the chance the parent is not ready for additional information.

Encounter: **Confirmation of Hearing Loss**  
Who: **Audiologist**

Encounter: **Medical Clearance**  
Who: **ENT/Otologist**

Encounter: **Routine Health Screenings**  
Who: **Primary Care Provider/Pediatrician/Family Practitioner**

Encounter: **Hearing Aid Fitting & Follow-up Visits**  
Who: **Audiologist**

Encounter: **Early Intervention:**  
Who: **System Point of Entry (SPOE), Part C of IDEA, Title 5, Others**