

## Appendix A. Summary of study variables reported among infants born in 2017, nine states

<b>Variable</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>Child's date of birth</b>	Date the child was born
<b>NICU* status</b>	Whether the child was in the NICU (any unit other than well baby unit)
Yes	
No	
<b>WIC** status</b>	Whether the child's mother received WIC food packages
Yes	
No	
<b>Mother's date of birth</b>	Birthdate of the child's mother
<b>Maternal race</b>	Classification of mother's race
White	
Black	
Asian/Pacific islanders	
American Indian/Alaska natives	
Other/Multi-race	
<b>Maternal ethnicity</b>	Classification of mother's Hispanic origin
Hispanic	
Non-Hispanic	
<b>Maternal education</b>	Classification of mother's highest education level
Below high school	
High school diploma	
Some college/Associate degree	
Bachelor's degree and beyond	
<b>Date of initial hearing screen</b>	Date when the child received his/her first hearing screening at birth
<b>Result of initial hearing screening</b>	
Pass	Both ears passed the screening
Refer	One or more ears did not pass the screening
Not screened	Infant was documented as not having been screened
<b>Date of most recent hearing screen</b>	Most recent follow-up outpatient hearing screening for children who did not pass the initial screening
<b>Result of most recent hearing screen</b>	
Pass	Both ears passed the screening
Refer	One or more ears did not pass the screening
<b>Date of first diagnostic evaluation</b>	Date the child first received an audiology diagnostic evaluation
<b>Result of first diagnostic evaluation</b>	
Diagnosed	Completed evaluation with result of either no hearing loss or permanent hearing loss
Not diagnosed (in-process)	Completed evaluation with result of non-permanent hearing loss, or an incomplete evaluation
<b>Date of first diagnosis</b>	Date the child was first diagnosed. This would be the same as the date of first diagnostic evaluation if the result of the evaluation was diagnosed.
<b>Result of first diagnosis</b>	
No hearing loss	No hearing loss was detected in first diagnosis
Permanent hearing loss	Permanent hearing loss was diagnosed
<b>Date of signed IFSP†</b>	Date the child's IFSP was signed, indicating enrollment into Part C Early Intervention

\*Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

\*\*Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children

†Individualized Family Service Plan