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From: Central Michigan District Health Department (CMDHD)

RE: Hearing and Vision Screening Offered Year Round for Preschool – 9th Graders

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**HEARING AND VISION SCREENING OFFERED YEAR ROUND
FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN**

Good vision and having the ability to hear are two important elements in helping a child succeed. Make sure your child gets their eyes and ears checked.

As parents, it's important to make sure your child can succeed in school. One of the most important steps in this process is to have your child screened for possible hearing and vision problems. Central Michigan District Health Department offers both of these screenings to children during the school year at no cost to the parents. For children 3 through 6 years of age with Medicaid coverage, your insurance covers the cost of the screening.

Our state trained staff provides vision screening services to children in preschool and in the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th and 9th grades. Hearing screening is done for preschool children and those in kindergarten, 2nd and 4th grade. Preschoolers are screened in larger daycares, Head Start centers, or during kindergarten round ups. Students are screened throughout the school year as our technicians visit each school district. Other children may be screened at the request of a teacher or parent, and are also offered at our health department clinics by appointment if needed.

All children who are being home schooled can also get screened at no cost to the parent. Any family with home schooled children can call the local health department branch office in their county and ask to make an appointment for hearing and vision screening. Appointments are available during the summer months as well.

The parent of any child that does not pass the screening is contacted and asked to take the child in for more testing by a doctor. Referrals to community services for assistance are also

available. For more information or to set up a screening appointment for eligible school age children please call:

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