



# ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

PREVENTION SERVICES

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The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) Sensory Program would like to provide the following updates:

## ADHS SENSORY PROGRAM UPDATES:

- **NEW:** On Tuesday May 8, 2024 The Governor's Regulatory Review Council voted to approve the Hearing Screening and Vision Screening Rules. The new rules are effective as of **July 6, 2024**.
- Screening guidance for the 2024-2025 school year can be found on the ADHS Sensory Screening Program Website or at the following link: [Hearing and Vision Screening Guidance 2024-2025 School Year](#)

The Department has revised the rules in 9 A.A.C. 13, Article 1, to establish vision screening rules, and address issues identified in the current hearing screening rules and other issues identified by stakeholders as part of the rulemaking process and to restructure the rules to improve clarity, remove duplication, and increase effectiveness.

Additional information about this rulemaking and the rulemaking process can be found on [the ADHS Rules Website](#).

*The Sensory Screening Program will provide continuous updates throughout the year based on programmatic updates, local trends, and statewide data. All questions and inquiries should be emailed to [sensoryprogram@azdhs.gov](mailto:sensoryprogram@azdhs.gov).*