



Early Childhood Intervention

Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) is a statewide program for families with children, age 0 to 3 years, with disabilities or developmental delays.

ECI supports families to help children reach their developmental potential through developmental services.

All health care providers are required to identify and refer children up to 35 months of age suspected of having a developmental disability or delay, or of being at risk of delay, to ECI. Screening and assessment occur within two business days after the provider identifies the member.

Families and professionals work together to develop an Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) for appropriate services based on the unique needs of the child. The IFSP describes the member's disability or delay, services required, and the individual accountable for service delivery. It becomes a permanent part of the member's medical record. The local ECI program implements and coordinates ongoing case management.

Appropriate services are provided in collaboration with the interdisciplinary team, including the PCP, member, family, ECI case manager, plan staff and any other team professional.

The Plan may not limit services recommended in the IFSP. Educational materials are approved by the Texas Interagency Council on Early Childhood Intervention.

Services by non-network providers are permitted when no in-network provider is available.

Call 800-628-5115 or visit the ECI website at www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis to learn more.