

# Instructions to Obtain a Physician's Recommendation and Parental Consent as it Relates to Evaluations, Assessments and Services

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Medicaid and IDEA, Part C have specific requirements regarding the content and timing in order to obtain a Physician's Recommendation and Parental Consent. It is very important to understand that a Physician's Recommendation must be created and submitted to a physician prior to:

- completion of any evaluation(s)
- completion of any assessment(s)
- provision of early intervention service(s).

In addition, signed Parental Consent must be obtained prior to completing any evaluation(s), assessment(s), screening(s) and early intervention service provision.

The following include specific requirements to obtain Physician's Recommendation and Parental Consent.

## Prior to Initial IFSP Development

1. Non-EMC Child - After the referral is received and prior to the initial IFSP being developed, the PHYSICIAN'S RECOMMENDATION for ASSESSMENT / EVALUATION form in the IFSP Forms and Resources section of the eManual must be used to obtain the PR for the evaluation completed to determine eligibility. Additionally, the CONSENT FOR SCREENING, EVALUATION, or ASSESSMENT form in the Procedural Safeguards Forms section of the eManual must be used to obtain parental consent prior to completion of the evaluation.

**NOTE:** In this instance, the IFSP SOS page cannot be used to fulfill the PR and parental consent requirements.

2. EMC Child - After the referral is received and medical records have been obtained for the MDT to confirm EMC eligibility and the initial IFSP has not yet been developed, the PHYSICIAN'S RECOMMENDATION for ASSESSMENT / EVALUATION form in the IFSP Forms and Resources section of the eManual must be used to obtain the PR for the any assessment(s) identified by the MDT to complete the child assessment in all developmental domains/entry ECO assessment. Additionally, the CONSENT FOR SCREENING, EVALUATION, or ASSESSMENT form in the Procedural Safeguards Forms section of the eManual must be used to obtain parental consent prior to completion of the child assessment.

**NOTE:** In this instance, the IFSP SOS page cannot be used to fulfill the PR and parental consent requirements.

3. Any Child - If an initial service assessment by a PT, OT or SLP is needed prior to the initial IFSP development date, the PHYSICIAN'S RECOMMENDATION for ASSESSMENT / EVALUATION form in the IFSP Forms and Resources section of the eManual must be used to obtain the PR for the initial service assessment. Additionally, the CONSENT FOR SCREENING, EVALUATION, or ASSESSMENT form in the Procedural Safeguards Forms section of the eManual must be used to obtain parental consent prior to completion of this assessment.

**NOTE:** In this instance, the IFSP SOS page cannot be used to fulfill the PR and parental consent requirements.

## On or After Initial IFSP Development

1. Any Child – If an initial service assessment by a PT, OT or SLP is completed on or after the initial IFSP development date, the IFSP SOS page can be used to obtain the PR. However, if the assessment is done prior to the initial IFSP meeting, parental consent must be obtained using the CONSENT FOR SCREENING, EVALUATION, or ASSESSMENT form in the Procedural Safeguards Forms section of the eManual.
2. Any Child – As long as a current IFSP in place, a PR can be obtained for any screening, assessment and evaluation using either the PHYSICIAN'S RECOMMENDATION for ASSESSMENT / EVALUATION form or IFSP SOS page. Regardless of the method used to obtain a PR, parental consent is always required prior to completion of any screening, assessment or evaluation. This can be achieved by using the CONSENT FOR SCREENING, EVALUATION, or ASSESSMENT form or the IFSP SOS page.
3. Any Child – As long as a current IFSP in place, a PR and parental consent for any new or ongoing service must be obtained using the IFSP SOS page.