Infants Discharged from the NICU: *Transition to Part C Services*

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Introductions

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Objective

- Explain eligibility for early intervention and timelines
- Explain what early intervention services look like for babies coming out of the NICU
- NICU Liaison Project overview
- Time for questions
Eligibility

Two ways to for a child to be eligible:

• Established Condition
  – Our database contains medical diagnoses that are correlated with a high chance of developmental delays

• Evaluation
  – If the reason for referral is not an established condition, evaluation is necessary to determine eligibility
Timeline

- Liaison receives referral, processes it and forwards it to the appropriate county within 3 business days.
- The CCB contacts the family within 7 calendar days.
- The child’s evaluation must be complete within 45 days of the county receiving the referral.
- When the child discharges from the NICU, the Liaison will send a discharge summary and any pertinent therapy notes to the CCB.
Services in Early Intervention

• Fifteen allowable services
• How they intersect with medical services
• Therapy Notes
• Discharge Summaries
  – Send Marnie a copy to be forwarded
  – Discharge summaries are required, PT and OT notes are wanted
  – Additional documentation (e.g. genetic tests, growth charts for LBW babies who lose weight and then are found eligible, justification for therapy direct referral, audiology evaluations, etc.)
  – Full chart not needed
Connection with the PCP

- How to notify the PCP about the child being referred to EI
- PCP connection and EI
Resources for Families

• Resources on the EI Colorado website
  www.eicolorado.org

• One Pager description of EI
NICU Liaison Project

- Why this system is important
- Data

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Most Common NICU to EI Referrals

![Graph showing the number of referrals for different conditions from 2013-2014 to 2017-2018. The conditions are Low Birth-Weight, Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy, Down Syndrome, Non-Established Low Birth-Weight, Other Non-Established Conditions, and IUGR. The graph indicates a trend for most conditions showing a decrease or stabilization in referrals over the years.]
**EIC IUGR Referrals**

![Bar chart showing referral numbers for different IUGR categories from 2013-2014 to 2017-2018.](image)

- **IUGR 33 weeks < 1325 grams**
- **IUGR 34 weeks < 1500 grams**
- **IUGR 35 weeks < 1700 grams**
- **IUGR 36 weeks < 1875 grams**
- **IUGR 37-40 weeks < 2000 grams**
- **LBW < 1200 grams**
All Not-Establish Conditions

Number of Referrals


All Not-Established Conditions
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