Forms and/or Documentation Associated with Each Step in the El Process

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This list has been developed to help you organize and complete all documentation requirements for the early intervention process. This checklist is intended to be used as a companion tool after you have read the *Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia Practice Manual*. Because the early intervention process is individualized for each child and family, there is some flexibility about when some of this documentation is completed. Please refer the *Practice Manual* for more detailed guidance.

Referral

- Begin early intervention record
- Optional Acknowledgement Letter to Referral Source sent to referral source stating that referral was received
- Notice of Child and Family Rights and Safeguards including Facts About Family Cost Share (as needed)
- □ Surrogate Parent Identification of Need (optional form)
- Declining Early Intervention Services form (if the family does not want to move forward)
- Contact notes to document all contact with and on behalf of the family

<u>Intake</u>

- □ Notice and Consent to Determine Eligibility
- □ Notice of Child and Family Rights and Safeguards Including Facts About Family Cost Share
- Strengthening Partnerships: Guide to Family Safeguards in the Virginia Early Intervention System
- Ligibility Determination Form (if eligibility established by records)
- Developmental screening tool completed (e.g., ASQ)
- Virginia Part C vision and hearing screens (or these may be completed at time of the assessment for service planning if you know that the child will be moving to an assessment)
- Notice and Consent for Assessment for Service Planning (if eligible or combining eligibility determination and assessment for service planning)
- □ Releases of information
- □ Family Cost Share Agreement form (if the child has Medicaid or FAMIS)
- □ Local system/program paperwork
- Initial Early Intervention Service Coordination Plan (required for children with Medicaid or FAMIS; optional for all)
- Declining Early Intervention Services Form (if the family does not want to move forward)
- Contact notes to document all contact with and on behalf of the family

Eligibility Determination

- Eligibility Determination Form
- Parental Prior Notice



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- Early Intervention Services Notice of Action letter (for Medicaid recipients if ineligible, and only if applicable)
- Declining Early Intervention Services (if the family does not want to move forward)
- □ Notice of Child and Family Rights and Safeguards Including Facts About Family Cost Share
- □ Interim IFSP (as needed in exceptional circumstances to address immediate needs)
- □ Local system/program paperwork
- Contact notes to document all contact with and on behalf of the family

Assessment for Service Planning

- □ Notice and Consent for Assessment for Service Planning (if eligible)
- Physician referral/authorization if needed (e.g., TRICARE)
- Developmental assessment tool completed
- Uirginia Part C vision and hearing screens (if not completed at intake)
- □ Family assessment tool questions
- □ Family Cost Share Agreement (if not completed earlier) or Temporary Family Cost Share Agreement (if family unable to provide income information)
- Parental Prior Notice
- □ Notice of Child and Family Rights and Safeguards Including Facts About Family Cost Share
- Declining Early Intervention Services (if the family does not want to move forward)
- Early Intervention Services Notice of Action letter (for Medicaid recipients if found ineligible)
- Confirmation of IFSP Schedule or Confirmation of Scheduled Meetings/Activities Form for families
- Confirmation of IFSP Schedule, Confirmation of Scheduled Meetings/Activities, or other written notification to other IFSP team members
- □ Local system/program paperwork
- Contact notes to document all contact with and on behalf of the family

Initial IFSP Meeting

- □ IFSP completed and signed by family and other team members
- Declining Early Intervention Services (if family not interested in one or all services offered)
- Early Intervention Services Notice of Action letter (for Medicaid recipients only, and only if applicable)
- Physician signature completed for all services (as required by payment source) on one of the following:
 - o The IFSP; or
 - Separate letter referencing the IFSP that is sent with the IFSP, like the Physician Certification Letter; or
 - The IFSP Summary Letter.



- Health Status Indicator Questions letter sent to physician
- Parental Prior Notice Form
- □ Copies of IFSP sent to family, all providers of services specified on the child's IFSP; pediatrician/primary care physician, etc. (with signed release from parent)
- □ Family Cost Share Agreement (if not completed before) or Temporary Family Cost Share Agreement (if family unable to provide financial information)
- □ Notice of Child and Family Rights and Safeguards Including Facts About Family Cost Share
- Individual Child Data Form (ICDF for data entry into ITOTS)
- □ Local system/program paperwork
- Contact notes to document all contact with and on behalf of the family
- Documentation of observation of child by the Service Coordinator during month of IFSP (in order to bill DMAS for EI TCM)

IFSP Reviews (completed at least once every 6 months)

- Parental Prior Notice
- □ Notice of Child and Family Rights and Safeguards Including Facts About Family Cost Share
- □ Confirmation of IFSP Schedule to family
- □ Confirmation of IFSP Schedule or other written notification to other IFSP team members
- □ IFSP Review Record signed by team
- □ Family Cost Share Agreement Form (as needed)
- Early Intervention Services Notice of Action letter (for Medicaid recipients only, and only if applicable)
- Declining Early Intervention Services (if family not interested in one or more services offered)
- Physician signature completed for addition or changes to frequency/length of any services (as required by payment source) on one of the following:
 - The IFSP; or
 - Separate letter referencing the IFSP that is sent with the IFSP, like the Physician Certification Letter; or
 - The IFSP Summary Letter.
- □ Health Status Indicator Questions to Physician (must be sent every 6 months)
- □ Copies of IFSP changes sent to family, all providers of services specified on the child's IFSP; pediatrician/primary care physician, etc. (with signed release from parent)
- □ Local system/program paperwork
- Contact notes to document all contact with and on behalf of the family

Annual IFSP

□ Eligibility Determination Form



- Parental Prior Notice
- Notice of Child and Family Rights and Safeguards Including Facts About Family Cost Share
- □ Confirmation of IFSP Schedule to family
- Confirmation of IFSP Schedule or other written notification to other IFSP team members
- □ New IFSP is written
- Documentation of observation of child by Service Coordinator during the month that IFSP meeting is held (required for children with Medicaid/FAMIS)
- Early Intervention Services Notice of Action letter (for Medicaid recipients only, and only if applicable)
- Declining Early Intervention Services (If family not interested in one or more services offered)
- **Releases of Information**
- Physician Certification completed for all services (as required by payment source)
- Health Status Indicator Questions to Physician (must be sent every 6 months)
- Copies of IFSP sent to family, all providers of services specified on the child's IFSP; pediatrician/primary care physician, etc. (with signed release of information from parent)
- □ Family Cost Share Agreement or Temporary Family Cost Share Agreement (if family unable to provide financial information)
- □ Local system/program paperwork
- Contact notes to document all contact with and on behalf of the family

Transition

- □ IFSP transition section
- Notification to the LEA and Virginia Department of Education unless family indicates in section VII of the IFSP that they do not want information shared
- Parental Prior Notice (for Transition Conference)
- Parental Prior Notice (for IFSP Review if Transition Plan not developed during initial or annual IFSP)
- Notice of Child and Family Rights and Safeguards Including Facts About Family Cost Share (with Parental Prior Notice)
- □ Local system/program paperwork
- Contact notes to document all contact with and on behalf of the family

Discharge

- Parental Prior Notice
- □ Notice of Child and Family Rights and Safeguards Including Facts About Family Cost Share
- Early Intervention Services Notice of Action letter (for Medicaid recipients if discharged because determined ineligible)
- □ Virginia Child Indicators Summary Form



- □ Local system/program paperwork
- Contact notes to document all contact with and on behalf of the family

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