



INDIANA FIRST STEPS ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION STATEMENT

State Form 50054 (R7 / 2-21)
FAMILY AND SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION



Dear _____ :

Your child is **Eligible** or **Not Eligible** for Indiana First Steps.

This determination is based on:

- Your child's medical diagnosis, or**
- A multidisciplinary evaluation of your child, or**
- The informed clinical opinion of the multidisciplinary evaluation team (eligible children only),**

as described below or on page 2 of this notice.

If you disagree with the results of your child's evaluation or believe First Steps has violated your rights under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), please e-mail FirstStepsWeb@fssa.in.gov, call 800-545-7763, or send your complaint via mail to 402 West Washington Street, room W453, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

Name of child		Name(s) of parent(s)	
Today's date (month, day, year)	First Steps identification number	Date of birth (month, day, year)	Date of referral (month, day, year)
Name of primary evaluator		Name of secondary evaluator	
Name of service coordinator	Single Point of Entry (SPOE)	County	

MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS

Diagnosed physical or mental condition (Select all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> Genetic or congenital disorders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disorders reflecting disturbance of the development of the nervous system | <input type="checkbox"/> Congenital infections |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disorders secondary to exposure to toxic substances, including fetal alcohol syndrome | <input type="checkbox"/> Low birth weight of ≤ 1500 grams |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chromosomal abnormalities | <input type="checkbox"/> Severe attachment disorders |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Inborn errors of metabolism |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Sensory impairments, including vision or hearing |

Specific diagnosis (if applicable)

ICD-10 codes (List all that apply, if applicable.)

STANDARDIZED EVALUATION

For children without a qualifying medical diagnosis, First Steps conducts a multidisciplinary evaluation to determine whether the child has a qualifying developmental delay in the area(s) of physical, cognitive, social-emotional, communication, and/or adaptive development. All multidisciplinary evaluations include the use of a standardized evaluation tool. A qualifying developmental delay can be determined using the standardized tool or the informed clinical opinion of the multidisciplinary team.

A qualifying developmental delay is defined as:

- A) One and one half (1.5, 1 ½) standard deviations below the mean or 20% delay in at least two (2) areas of development, or
- B) Two (2) standard deviations below the mean or 25% delay in at least one (1) area of development.

Standardized evaluation tool

- The Assessment, Evaluation, and Programming System for Infants and Children (AEPS)
- Other (State approved): _____

Results

- Not applicable (medical diagnosis, see page 1)
- One and one half (1.5, 1 ½) standard deviations below the mean or 20% delay in at least two areas of development
- Two (2) standard deviations below the mean or 25% delay in at least one (1) area of development
- Informed clinical opinion: One and one half (1.5, 1 ½) standard deviations below the mean or 20% delay in at least two (2) areas of development
- Informed clinical opinion: Two (2) standard deviations below the mean or 25% delay in at least one (1) area of development
- No qualifying developmental delay**

Area(s) of delay

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable (medical diagnosis, see page 1) | <input type="checkbox"/> Adaptive |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable (no qualifying developmental delay) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cognitive |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physical delay (fine motor and/or gross motor) | <input type="checkbox"/> Social (including social-communication, social-emotional) |

INFORMED CLINICAL OPINION

A qualifying developmental delay may be determined using the informed clinical opinion of the multidisciplinary evaluation team if the child has received a multidisciplinary evaluation in accordance with [34 CFR 303.321\(b\)](#) and the multidisciplinary team determines the evaluation instrument did not produce accurate results based on the child's age or area of delay.

Informed clinical opinion must be documented and based on the following:

1. The child's developmental history as reported by the parent,
2. Records and information related to the child's health and development, and
3. Observation of the child at play and of parent-child interactions.

In no instance may informed clinical opinion be used to refute an eligibility determination when the results of the First Steps evaluation instrument indicate that the child is eligible.

Provide a statement of informed clinical opinion documenting eligibility.

Signature of primary evaluator

Date (month, day, year)

Printed name of primary evaluator

Signature of secondary evaluator

Date (month, day, year)

Printed name of secondary evaluator