



Iowa Early ACCESS Diagnosed Conditions Eligibility List June 2020



This presentation will review eligibility for Iowa's Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or the IDEA Part C system, known as Early ACCESS.



Purpose of Presentation

- Review Early ACCESS eligibility and qualifying diagnosed conditions
- Share Iowa Early ACCESS Diagnosed Conditions Eligibility List on the Iowa Family Support Network website
- Review instructions for using the list and submitting conditions for review

This presentation will review Early ACCESS eligibility and qualifying diagnosed conditions,

show where to find the Iowa Early ACCESS Diagnosed Conditions Eligibility List on the Iowa Family Support Network website

and

review instructions for using the list and submitting diagnosed conditions to be included in the list.

Early ACCESS Eligibility is Based on:



1) Qualifying Diagnosed Condition

OR

2) Determination of 25% Delay

OR

3) Informed clinical opinion of evaluators

Iowa Administrative Rules, 281—120.21; 281—120.321(3)b



Eligibility for Early ACCESS is stated in Iowa's Administrative Rules for Early ACCESS, which have been in existence since 2005.

An infant or toddler may be eligible for Early ACCESS are based on: (1) a confirmed diagnosed physical or mental condition, (2) a 25% delay in an area of development, or (3) the informed clinical opinion of evaluators.

Qualifying Diagnosed Condition



- A qualifying diagnosed condition is a physical or mental condition that has a high probability of resulting in developmental delay.
- Examples including but are not limited to:
 - Chromosomal abnormalities
 - Genetic or congenital disorders
 - Sensory impairments
 - Disorders secondary to exposure of toxic substance, i.e. fetal alcohol syndrome



A child is eligible for Early ACCESS if he or she has a diagnosed physical or mental condition that has a high probability of resulting in delays in cognitive, physical, communication, social-emotional, or adaptive development.

Examples of *qualifying diagnosed conditions* that infants and toddlers may have that have a high probability of later delay include but are NOT limited to conditions such as:

- chromosomal abnormalities;
- genetic or congenital disorders;
- inborn errors of metabolism;
- sensory impairments;
- disorders reflecting disturbance of the development of the nervous system;
- disorders secondary to exposure to toxic substances, including fetal alcohol syndrome;

Iowa Early ACCESS Diagnosed Conditions



- All of these conditions are eligible for Early ACCESS services in Iowa:
 - Babies born less than 32 weeks gestation
 - Babies with a very low birth weight of 1500 grams (3 pounds 5 ounces)
 - Children with diagnosed blood lead level of 20 mcg/dL
 - Children with diagnosed hearing loss



Early ACCESS staff must review medical records, to confirm the child has a diagnosed physical or mental condition.

Iowa's Early ACCESS eligibility includes children born less than 32 weeks gestation, children with a very low birth weight of 1500 grams, children with a diagnosed blood lead level of 20 micrograms per deciliter and children with diagnosed hearing loss.

Some children with a diagnosed physical or mental condition may not exhibit developmental delays **at the time of referral to early intervention**. These children are eligible for services. For children with these conditions, Early ACCESS will partner with the family to help them understand the health condition and/or special needs of the child and provide support and resources to enhance learning and development.

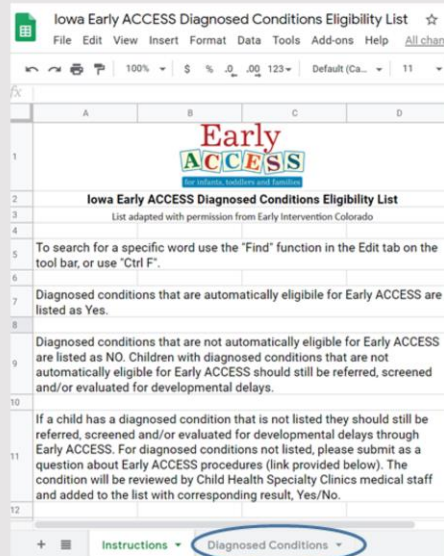


All states that receive IDEA Part C funds are required to serve children that have a diagnosed physical or mental condition with a high probability of resulting in developmental delay.

In the past Iowa used a database developed by Early Intervention Colorado. Now Iowa has its own list that was adapted from Colorado's Established Condition Database, but includes additional conditions that have been reviewed for Early ACCESS eligibility based on Iowa's Administrative Rules and information on physical and mental conditions.

A link to Iowa's Early ACCESS Diagnosed Conditions Eligibility List can be found on the Iowa Family Support Network website under information for Parents & Family and Referral Sources.

Iowa Early ACCESS Diagnosed Conditions Eligibility List



When you open the link to the Iowa Early ACCESS Diagnosed Conditions Eligibility List, you will come to the instructions tab.

This explains how to search for a condition, where eligibility is listed and how to submit conditions to be reviewed.

To see the list you will need to click on the Diagnosed Conditions tab located at the bottom of the screen.

Iowa Early ACCESS Diagnosed Conditions Eligibility List



- The first column includes the most common name
- Additional names and information are in the middle column
- Eligibility information is in the third column

Medical Diagnosis Name	Other Names for the Diagnosis and Additional Diagnosis Information	Is this diagnosis automatically eligible for Early ACCESS?
Cerebral Palsy	Ataxic Cerebral Palsy; Athetoid Cerebral Palsy; Congenital Cerebral Palsy; Diplegia of Cerebral Palsy; Hemiparesis of Cerebral Palsy; Hemiplegia of Cerebral Palsy; Postnatal Cerebral Palsy	Yes

Medical Diagnosis Name	Other Names for the Diagnosis and Additional Diagnosis Information	Is this diagnosis automatically eligible for Early ACCESS?
Cleft Lip		No
Cleft Palate		Yes- up to one year after repair operation



When you are in the list there are three main columns. The first column includes the most common name of the condition.

Additional names and information are in the middle column- for example there are several types of cerebral palsy that are listed as being eligible for Early ACCESS.

Eligibility information is in the third column

Diagnosed conditions that are automatically eligible for Early ACCESS are listed as Yes. A child with a diagnosis of cerebral palsy is automatically eligible for Early ACCESS.

Diagnosed conditions that are not automatically eligible for Early ACCESS are listed as No. Cleft lip is not automatically eligible for Early ACCESS.

In this example, additional information about eligibility for cleft palate is included in the third column. Cleft palate is automatically eligible for Early ACCESS services up to one year after the repair operation. This means a child referred to Early ACCESS diagnosed with cleft palate does not need a full evaluation the team can move to assessment.

Diagnosed Conditions Eligibility List Instructions



- To search for a specific word use the "Find" function in the Edit tab on the tool bar.
- Or use CTRL F

	A	B	
1	Early ACCESS		
2	Iowa Early ACCESS Diagnosed Conditions Eligibility List		
3	<small>List adapted with permission from Early Intervention Colorado</small>		
4			
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7	Medical Diagnosis Name	Other Names for the Diagnosis and Additional Diagnosis Information	Is this condition eligible
8	3-Methylcrotonyl-Coenzyme A (CoA) Carboxylase Deficiency		
9	3rd Nerve Palsy	Third Nerve Palsy; Third Cranial Nerve Palsy; 3rd Cranial Nerve Palsy; Oculomotor Palsy; Oculomotor Nerve Palsy; Cranial Nerve III Palsy	



The list is in alphabetical order by the medical diagnosis name. Conditions with numbers at the beginning are listed first.

The list will always show the column headers as you scroll through the list.

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Diagnosed Conditions Eligibility List Instructions



- Type the diagnosis in the find field
- Select find to continue to search within the current list
- Cells with selected word will be highlighted
- If using Ctrl F, use arrows to move to additional cells

Muscular Dystrophy, Becker	Childhood Muscular Dystrophy; DMD; Muscular Dystrophy (Classic X-linked Recessive); Progressive Muscular Dystrophy of Childhood; Pseudohypertrophic Muscular Dystrophy
Muscular Dystrophy, Duchenne	
Muscular Dystrophy, Emery Dreifuss	FMD; FSH; FSHD; Facio-Scapulo-Humeral Dystrophy; Muscular Dystrophy; Facioscapulohumeral, Muscular Dystrophy; Landouzy Dejerine
Facioscapulohumeral Muscular Dystrophy	Cerebromuscular Dystrophy, Fukuyama Type; Congenital Muscular Dystrophy, Fukuyama Type; FCMD; Micropolygyria With Muscular Dystrophy
Muscular Dystrophy, Fukuyama Type	
Muscular Dystrophy, Limb Girdle	

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Find muscular dystrophy

Replace with

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☐ Match case
☐ Match entire cell contents
☐ Search using regular expressions [help](#)
☐ Also search within formulas

Find Replace Replace all Done



To look for a specific condition, type it the find field.

Select find to continue to search within the current list.

Cells containing the specific word or condition will be highlighted.

If using Ctrl F, the arrows move to additional cells with the condition or word in the search.

In this example there are several types of muscular dystrophy listed.

Diagnosed Conditions Eligibility List Instructions



- For diagnosed conditions not listed, please submit as a question about the diagnosis through Early ACCESS procedures.
- The condition will be reviewed by Child Health Specialty Clinics medical staff and added to the list with corresponding result, Yes/No.

If a child has a diagnosed condition that is not listed they should still be referred, screened and/or evaluated for developmental delays through Early ACCESS. For diagnosed conditions not listed, please submit as a question about Early ACCESS procedures (link provided below). The condition will be reviewed by Child Health Specialty Clinics medical staff and added to the list with corresponding result, Yes/No.

[Submit Early ACCESS procedures question to have a diagnosed condition reviewed](#)

[Access question archives to see when diagnosed conditions are added to the list](#)

If there are questions about a diagnosed condition and the potential impact it may have on development e-mail Child Health Specialty Clinics Early ACCESS Liaison, tonya-krueger@uiowa.edu.



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Questions



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