Transition Update

At-Risk Referrals and Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI)

Through the Early Intervention Program (EIP), municipalities must have a process in place to provide for identification, tracking, and screening of children at risk of developmental delay. All At-Risk children referred to the municipality must be entered and recorded in the EI-Hub. A child may be referred directly to the Early Intervention Official/Designee (EIO/D) if they are at risk of developmental delay or disability or to the At-Risk track after an eligibility determination has been made. For example, a child may have initially been referred to the EIP for developmental concerns but, following their evaluation, is determined ineligible. While the child is ineligible for the EIP, they may be an ideal At-Risk Referral candidate. The EI-Hub offers a user role for managing At-Risk referrals and this user role maintains child records for children identified as At-Risk for developmental delay.

Based on risk criteria identified in regulation10 NYCRR Section 69-4.3(g), a child may be referred to the municipality to ensure developmental surveillance is performed. Please see EIP regulation 10 NYCRR Section 69-4.3(a)(2)(ii). These types of referrals should be entered into the At-Risk track of the EI-Hub using one of the "At-Risk" referral reasons. Within the At-Risk track, the At-Risk manager monitors the child's developmental progress using periodic surveillance tools and tracking services. If the child becomes a candidate for the EIP, the At-Risk referral is closed, and the child is transferred into the EIP where the EI process begins with the assignment of the EIO/D and proceeds from there. It is important to note that a child cannot have a referral to the

At-Risk program and EIP at the same time. The child must be exited from their current program track and referred into the appropriate program.

One of the risk criteria identified in regulation is the risk of hearing loss based on family history, including syndromal presentation, or failure of initial newborn infant hearing screening and the child is in need of follow-up screening. The Case Management component has the ability to capture the results from an initial hearing screening and any subsequent hearing tests. As a reminder, the goal of the Early Hearing Detection Intervention program (EHDI) is to increase the proportion of newborns who are screened for hearing loss by no later than age 1 month, have a diagnostic audiologic evaluation by age 3 months if the infant did not pass their newborn hearing screening, and that infants identified with hearing loss or deafness are enrolled in appropriate intervention services as needed by no later than age 6 months. For additional information on the EHDI program, please reference the following website: Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program (EHDI)

Updates

An official launch date for the EI-Hub has not been announced. BEI and the EI-Hub Project Team will provide approximately two months' notice before the scheduled launch date. As part of the EI-Hub implementation and onboarding plan, a "Sandbox" version of the EI-Hub is available to all interested users. The goal of the Sandbox is for participants to develop skills and gain confidence using the EI-Hub solution prior to the complete system launch. To learn more about the EI-Hub Sandbox, please visit the Sandbox Experience section on the Learning Management System (LMS).

EI- Hub Sandbox Experience

Action Required!

If you have not self-registered for the EI-Hub Learning Management System (LMS), we strongly encourage you to do so. The LMS is your resource for system onboarding, training, and references for the EI-Hub solution. Additionally, an Item Index was recently added to the LMS. The Item Index provides a direct path to individual resource items

allowing users to find resources more quickly. If you do not currently have an LMS account, click the link below for instructions on how to self-register:

EI-Hub LMS Self-Registration Instructions

If you have questions, please contact us at EIHub@health.ny.gov.