Dear Early Intervention Referral Partner:

Early Intervention (EI) Colorado knows that the COVID-19 Pandemic has been especially challenging to the families that we, together, serve in Colorado. We have appreciated your continuing support in the referral of children aged birth to 3 for EI services during this time of constant change and upheaval.

We would like you to be aware of a change that has occurred regarding eligibility, to ensure that the state is able to continue to fund EI services.

This change is in the definition of developmental delay which determines whether a child is eligible for EI services. A child will now be required to be showing a delay in one or more areas of development (physical, communication, adaptive, social/emotional, and cognitive) of 33% or more. A child who has a disability or condition that is likely to lead to a significant delay will continue to be eligible based upon a medical provider's diagnosis. If you would like additional information on what disabilities and conditions are covered, please explore our database here. This change in eligibility criteria will allow us to continue serving those children who are most in need in our state.

We ask that you continue to refer children for whom you have concerns regarding their development. They will still receive a multidisciplinary evaluation in all areas of development, including their primary area of concern, and if not found eligible for EI services, may be connected to an array of different resources and supports.

Local Community Centered Boards will continue to follow up with you using the Referral Status Update form. Please remember to have parents sign the release portion of the form if you would like more in-depth information about their evaluation results and the provision of EI services.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your local Community Centered Board (CCB). Access our website at eicolorado.org to locate your local CCB.