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Dear Early Intervention Stakeholders:

Thank you to the parents, advocates, providers, and stakeholders who submitted comments on the proposed Early Intervention (EI) administrative rules. Your concern for young children with developmental delays and your support for EI services were very evident and much appreciated.

Early Intervention is a statewide, comprehensive, coordinated, multidisciplinary system of EI services for infants and toddlers with or at risk for developmental delays and their families. Requirements are set by Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR), Chapter 11-140, Early Intervention Services for Infants and Toddlers has been adopted and will take effect October 21, 2013. These rules are on the Department of Health website at <http://gen.doh.hawaii.gov/sites/har/AdmRules1/11-140.pdf>.

The administrative rules establish requirements for: surrogate parent, eligibility criteria, eligibility determination, individual family support plan, transition to preschool programs, procedural safeguards, mediation, administrative complaint procedures, and due process hearing procedures. The revised EI eligibility criteria are attached.

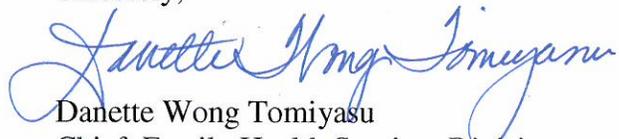
The Hi'iilei Hawai'i Developmental Follow Along Program for Young Children will provide a safety net for high risk children who are not eligible for EI services. Working with medical homes and QUEST health plans, follow-up will include:

- Developmental monitoring
- Information on activities to support a child's development
- Information on community resources
- Support to families as needed in referrals to EI or the Department of Education preschool special education

Please continue to refer young children with developmental concerns to EI for evaluation.

Thank you for your dedication to young children and their families in Hawai'i. For more information, please contact Dr. Patricia Heu, Chief, Children with Special Health Needs Branch, at (808)733-9058 or e-mail her at [patricia.heu@doh.hawaii.gov](mailto:patricia.heu@doh.hawaii.gov).

Sincerely,

  
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## Early Intervention Eligibility Criteria

Effective October 21, 2013

A child under the age of three (3) years with or at biological risk for developmental delay is eligible for early intervention services according to the following criteria:

### Developmental Delay

Child under the age of three (3) years has a significant delay in one or more of the following areas of development: physical, cognitive, communication, social- emotional, and/or adaptive development, based on one of the following criteria:

- ✓  $\leq -1.0$  SD in at least two or more areas or sub-areas of development
- ✓  $\leq -1.4$  SD in at least one area or sub-area of development
- ✓ Multidisciplinary team observations and informed clinical opinion when the child's score cannot be measured by the evaluation instrument

### Biological Risk

Child under the age of three (3) years with a signed statement or report by a qualified provider that includes a diagnosis of a physical or mental condition that the multidisciplinary team determines has a high probability of resulting in developmental delay if early intervention (EI) services are not provided. This may include, but is not limited to, the following conditions:

- ✓ Chromosomal abnormalities
- ✓ Genetic or congenital disorders
- ✓ Severe sensory impairments
- ✓ Inborn errors of metabolism
- ✓ Disorders reflecting disturbance of the development of the nervous system
- ✓ Congenital infections
- ✓ Disorders secondary to exposure to toxic substances, including fetal alcohol syndrome
- ✓ Severe attachment disorders
- ✓ Autism Spectrum Disorder

*Children receiving EI services on October 21, 2013, will continue to receive EI services until child's next scheduled evaluation for continued eligibility ("grandfathered").*

*If you are concerned about a child's development or to make a referral, please call the Early Intervention information and referral line at 808-594-0066 (Oahu) or 1-800-235-5477 (Neighbor Islands).*