North Carolina Physician to Preschool Exceptional Children Program Notification Process Chart
For Children 3 to Pre-Kindergarten 5 Years of Age

Physician provides family with Child Find information from school system

Physician sends notification, copy of consent to release information, and related screening information to the Preschool Program

Referral for Care Coordination for Children (CC4C)- if appropriate

Within 30 days of receipt of written physician notification of concerns, LEA issues a written response to the child's parent.

Written notice to meet to review existing data and determine whether a referral for consideration of eligibility for special education is necessary.

School system or parent initiates referral

- LEA reviews existing data and propose evaluation, if appropriate
- If school system determines not to evaluate, parent may disagree and make a written request
- 90 day timeline begins from date of written referral
- Parent signs informed consent to evaluate

School system conducts evaluation and gains relevant medical information needed, or proceeds to eligibility determination

Eligibility determination & IEP developed, if eligible

Services begin with parental consent

Process stopped -- NO EVALUATION

- Child not suspected of having a disability, or
- Parent denies consent for evaluation
- School system may, but is not required to, utilize procedural safeguards to pursue evaluation

Process stopped

- Evaluation reveals no educational concerns
- Child not eligible for special education
- Parent denies consent for services

School system sends “Early Intervention Feedback to the Medical Home” form to physician

Consent for release of confidential information is required.

Note: NC regulations for children who are Wards of the State: NC 1503-1(a)(2).