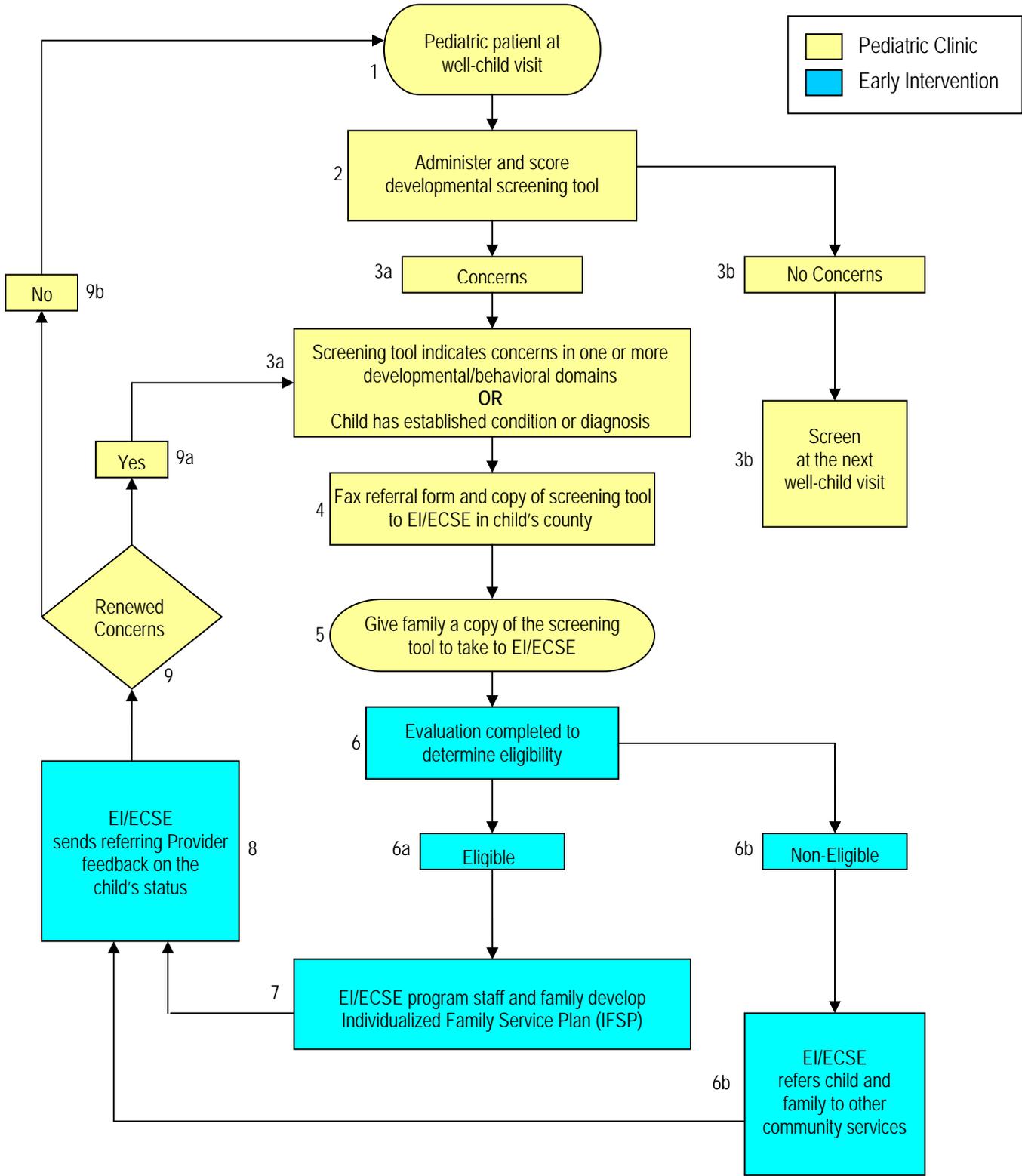


## Early Childhood Developmental Screening & EI/ECSE Referral Algorithm - Children Birth to Age 5\*



\* Algorithm adapted from the Colorado Early Childhood Connection Early Intervention Referral Process for Children Birth to 36 Months.

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**1. Pediatric patient at well-child visit.**

Developmental screening is part of the health supervision that occurs during well-child visits.

**2. Administer and score screening tool.**

Administer parent-completed screening tools either before or during a well-child visit. Score standardized screening tool using the age-appropriate scoring guide. Use the screening tool scoring-guide to identify areas of concern.

**3. Screening tool identifies Concerns/No Concerns.**

3a. Concerns	3b. No Concerns
If screening results are concerning <i>or</i> the child condition or diagnosis associated with significant delays in development, refer the child and family to EI/ECSE for further evaluation.	If the screening results pose no concerns, inform the family and screen the child at the following well-child visit.

**4. Faxing referral form and a copy of screening tool to EI/ECSE program in child's county.**

To best facilitate referrals to EI/ECSE complete the recommended ABCD Early Intervention Referral Form. Have the family sign the consent for the release of medical (HIPAA) and educational information (FERPA). Provide the family with a copy of the explanation of the HIPAA/FERPA consent. Explain verbally that consent is good for a period of one year and the family may revoke this consent at any time. Have the referring provider sign the reason for referral section. When the form is completed, fax the form with a copy of the screening tool to the EI/ECSE program in the child's home county.

**5. Give Parent a copy of the screening tool.**

Provide families a copy of the screening tool to take with them to EI/ECSE. Explain to the family that the screening tool contains information that will be helpful to EI/ECSE program staff during the referral and evaluation process.

**6. EI/ECSE evaluation for eligibility of services.**

The EI/ECSE evaluation is aimed at identifying specific developmental delays or disorders affecting a child. To be eligible for services a child must demonstrate significant delay in one or more developmental areas.

6a. Eligible	6b. Non-Eligible
If a child is <b>eligible</b> , for EI/ECSE services, EI/ECSE initiates care management.	If a child is <b>not eligible</b> for EI/ECSE services, EI/ECSE will refer the child and family to other resources in the community. Screen the child at the following well-child visit.

**7. EI/ECSE program staff and family develop an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP).**

If a child is eligible for services, EI/ECSE and the family will develop an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). The IFSP contains information about the services necessary to facilitate a child's development.

**8. Provider receives feedback from EI/ECSE.**

EI/ECSE will send feedback to the referring provider. The feedback will summarize the child's referral and eligibility status. Notify referring provider and file/document the summary in the child's chart to discuss with the family at the following visit.

**9. Renewed Concerns.**

9a. Yes	9b. No
The child should receive regular monitoring and be scheduled for an early return visit to determine the need for further evaluation.	Screen child at the following well-child visit.