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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** March 12, 2025

**TO:** *Early On* Coordinators and Providers

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**SUBJECT:** Health Status Report

In collaboration with the Michigan Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the University of Michigan Youth Policy Lab, we are excited to announce an enhancement to the referral process for physicians.

To further streamline this process, we have updated the *Early On* referral intake form by adding questions that better capture the information necessary for determining eligibility.

Previously, *Early On* personnel would have to send a Health Status Request to physicians to complete and return after the local *Early On* office received their referral. To eliminate the need for this back-and-forth, we have integrated a new **"Health Status Report"** section directly into the referral form for physician-initiated referrals. See below:

**Health Status Report**

When compared to a typically developing, same-aged peer, do any of the child's above diagnoses (including all physical, mental, and behavioral health disorders) have the potential to impact their:

Capacity for physical exertion and/or the ability to resist force?

(e.g. does the child need more assistance with mobility and/or physical transitions than would be expected?)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Ability to fully participate in daily routines due to decreased endurance, reduced energy, or inability to sustain effort?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Ability to orient and respond, direct their attention, or meaningfully engage in an activity?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Has the child had a Hearing Screening/Test?

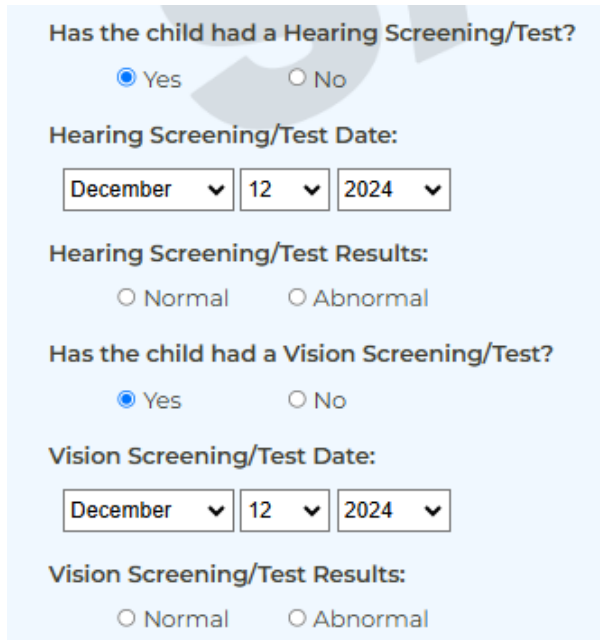
☐ Yes ☐ No

Has the child had a Vision Screening/Test?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you have any other information about the child's condition/diagnosis(es) that you feel might be important for the referral team to know or consider?

In addition, if the child has had a **Hearing Screening/Test and a Vision Screening/Test**, a dropdown section will appear, prompting the physician to input the date of the screening/test as well as the results. See below:



The screenshot shows a light blue form section with the following fields:

- Has the child had a Hearing Screening/Test?**
  - ☒ Yes
  - ☐ No
- Hearing Screening/Test Date:**
  - Month: December (dropdown)
  - Day: 12 (dropdown)
  - Year: 2024 (dropdown)
- Hearing Screening/Test Results:**
  - ☐ Normal
  - ☐ Abnormal
- Has the child had a Vision Screening/Test?**
  - ☒ Yes
  - ☐ No
- Vision Screening/Test Date:**
  - Month: December (dropdown)
  - Day: 12 (dropdown)
  - Year: 2024 (dropdown)
- Vision Screening/Test Results:**
  - ☐ Normal
  - ☐ Abnormal

This communication serves as confirmation from MiLEAP that the information collected in the revised *Early On* Referral Form "**Health Status Report**" section, if complete, will **replace** the need to send out a separate Health Status Request to physicians. Please ensure your staff who receive physician referrals are aware that the information collected through online referrals is now sufficient, and the Health Status Request form should no longer be sent to physicians for completion. This applies to physician referrals only. All other referrals will still need the information collected on the Health Status Request form.

Thank you for your collaboration as we work together to ensure efficient and timely responses to referrals, enabling children and families to receive services as quickly as possible. Your cooperation and attention to this important change are greatly appreciated!