New Early Start Eligibility Criteria

**A delay of 33% in at least ONE area of development**

*Areas of Development*
- Social — emotions, interacting with others
- Adaptive — daily activities such as eating and getting dressed
- Physical — large and small movements
- Communication — pre-speech and language
- Cognitive — thinking and problem-solving

**A high risk condition**

Children with multiple medical factors that place them at risk for a development disability such as:
- Prematurity of < 32 weeks gestation and/or low birth weight
- Assisted ventilation of >48 hours during the first 28 days of life
- Prenatal substance exposure
- Or an infant or toddler born to a parent with a developmental disability

**An established risk condition**

Children born with a condition with a known probability of causing a disability or delay such as:
*Down syndrome* or *cerebral palsy*

**When to Refer**

If you or your doctor suspect that your baby’s development is delayed, help is available through California’s Early Start Program. You may refer your child at any time.

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