

Developmental Delay (Birth-2 yrs.): Overview of Criteria

This diagram is intended to provide a visual overview of the DD (Birth-2 yrs.) criteria. This information does not contain all eligibility requirements. For complete information regarding disability criteria requirements, refer to Minnesota Rule 3525.1350

A. Services Required

- Infant and toddler intervention services under United States Code, title 20, chapter 33, sections 1431, et seq., and Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, part 303, must be available to children from birth through two years of age who meet the criteria described below:

B. Criteria

- The team shall determine that a child from birth through the age of two years is eligible for infant and toddler intervention services if:
 1. the child meets the criteria of one of the disability categories in United States Code, title 20, chapter 33, sections 1400, et seq., as defined in Minnesota Rules; or
 2. the child meets the criteria for developmental delay in subitem (a), (b), or (c) :
 - (a) the child has a diagnosed physical or mental condition or disorder that has a high probability of resulting in developmental delay regardless of whether the child has a demonstrated need or delay;
 - (b) the child is experiencing a developmental delay that is demonstrated by a score of 1.5 standard deviations or more below the mean, as measured by the appropriate diagnostic measures and procedures, in one or more of the following areas:
 - (i) cognitive development;
 - (ii) physical development, including vision and hearing;
 - (iii) communication development;
 - (iv) social or emotional development; and
 - (v) adaptive development; **or**
 - (c) the child's eligibility is established through the application of informed clinical opinion. Informed clinical opinion may be used as an independent basis to establish a child's eligibility under this part even when other instruments do not establish eligibility; however, in no event may informed clinical opinion be used to negate the results of evaluation instruments to establish eligibility.