

ESIT Technical Assistance Brief 24-01

IFSPS WITH SERVICE COORDINATION AS THE ONLY SERVICE

Purpose: This Technical Assistance Brief *replaces ESIT Guidance Memo #2020-04 issued on June 19, 2020*, and serves to provide clarification to CLAs and ESIT Provider Agencies on the provision of service coordination as the only service on a child's IFSPs.

Service coordination is considered a core service under Part C of the Individual's with Disability Education Act, 34 CFR 303.13 (11) and 303.34 and is provided by a qualified Family Resources Coordinator. A child who has been determined eligible may be issued an IFSP with service coordination as the only service.

Examples may include but are not limited to the following:

- A child has an interim IFSP, and service coordination is the only service needed at the time to meet the child and family outcomes.
- A child has an active IFSP, service coordination is occurring, and no other early support services have started, such as when an infant is in the NICU.
- A child is enrolled with an active IFSP, is within 90-days of the child's 3rd birthday and receiving service coordination, but no other early support services.
- A child is enrolled with an active IFSP and has a terminal illness and receiving service coordination, but no other early support services.
- A child has a qualifying diagnosis, and no other services are needed to achieve the child and family outcomes.
- A family has declined other services with the exception of service coordination.

A definition of Service Coordination activities is included in Section 2.A.15 of ESIT's Policies and Procedures. This document is located on the DCYF Website here:

<https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/services/child-dev-support-providers/esit/policies-procedures>

All IFSPs with service coordination as the only service should reflect the appropriate intensity level required to support the family in meeting individualized outcomes and not be used to ensure timelines when experiencing staffing capacity challenges.

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