

#11 Information Sharing Between Professionals: *What information can I share with whom, when I have access to child-level information in Early Track and work within HMG, as the Hospital Based Regional Child Find Specialist Program, or the Regional Infant Hearing Program?*

Response:

- The Ohio Administrative Code 3701-8-04 paragraph (D) (3) (e) requires that HMG Centralized Coordination Contractors limit the response to professional referrals to the acknowledgment of receiving a referral on a specific child.
- Hospital-Based Regional Child Find (HBRCF) Specialists are not named in Ohio Administrative Rules for Help Me Grow, but are held, through their grant, to following applicable timelines and rules in the OAC.
 - ODH requires that Referral Follow Up from HMG program providers occur within 45 calendar days of receiving a program referral when the referrer of the child was a professional and only in instances when parents provide consent to share this information [see OAC 3701-8-07.1, paragraph (G)].
- HBRCF Specialists educate professionals to their federally mandated role to refer a child suspected of delay or disability within 7 days.
- ODH acknowledges that HBRCF Specialists play an important role in the Early Intervention system which coordinates to identify potentially eligible children for Early Intervention. Because of their role in making referrals into Centralized Coordination sites on behalf of physicians with whom they work as a team and to ensure continuity of care in the Medical Home, HBRCF Specialists have unrestricted access to see child-level information in the statewide data system, Early Track.
 - HBRCF Specialists ARE allowed providing information to the referring physician regarding the outcomes of program eligibility determination for Early Intervention, without parent consent; understanding that service providers have 45 calendar days to determine eligibility and develop an IFSP and another 30 calendar days to enter this information into Early Track.
 - HBRCF Specialists are NOT allowed to access information in Early Track regarding services being received within Help Me Grow, unless the child's parent has included the HBRCF specialist or physician on their HMG Consent to Release Information form (HEA#8019).

Questions to Consider for Planning and Programming:

- It is likely that the parent will sign Consent to Release Information before any relevant outcome data is entered into early Track.
- HBRCF Specialists may ask parents to sign the HMG Release of Information before making the referral to HMG; including the Hospital System on the form after explaining to the parent.

Authorizing Rule:

- 34 Codes of Federal Regulations, Sections 303.303, 303.401 through 303.417.
- Ohio Administrative Code 3701-8-04; 3701-8-07.1.