

California Early Start Program Non-Required Services

Current Policy

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 - (3) A referral to a community service that may be provided to an eligible infant or toddler or his or her family but is not required under the California Early Intervention Services Act, Government Code Sections 95000-95030.
 - (A) A non required service includes but is not limited to: employment; child care; housing; medical services such as surgery, or medication, hospitalization, medical devices necessary to control or treat a medical condition, or immunizations, well-baby care, income support, family or marital counseling unrelated to the infant or toddler's development, and substance abuse counseling.
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