

# **Red Flags** Indicating the Need to Refer to a Health Care Provider

- Child does not have a primary health care provider
- The family has ongoing concerns about the child's health
- The cause (etiology) of the child's developmental disability and related problems is not known
- There has been a recent increase in symptoms or failure to make expected progress
- The child has frequently missed school due to illness
- The child needs formal hearing or vision testing
- The child has regressed in skills, e.g., stopped talking after regularly using 5 or more words for several months
- New onset of possible seizures or increase in frequency of seizures that had been stable
- Difficult to manage behaviors, especially problem behaviors that persist after functional analysis and implementation of positive behavior supports
- Chronic pain and discomfort

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