

WAC 246-710-100 Neurodevelopmental centers (NDCs). (1) For the purposes of this section, "neurodevelopmental center (NDC) of excellence" means a department-designated nonprofit agency, hospital, or other organization located in Washington state that provides multidisciplinary pediatric assessment and treatment services including outreach, evaluation, diagnosis, treatment planning, and specialized therapies to CYSHCN up to twenty-one years of age.

(2) NDCs provide evaluation, diagnosis, and coordinated therapies and may also, at the discretion of a child's primary care provider, refer for additional medical specialty consultation.

(3) NDCs may be designated by the department as neurodevelopmental centers of excellence. In order to be considered for NDC designation by the department, a NDC shall:

(a) Be licensed or capable of becoming licensed to do business in the state of Washington;

(b) Maintain a formal relationship with a designated medical director with specialized pediatric training; and

(c) Employ occupational therapists licensed under chapter 18.59 RCW, physical therapists licensed under chapter 18.74 RCW, and speech language pathologists licensed under chapter 18.35 RCW with pediatric training on staff.

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