

Early ACCESS vs. Medical Services in Iowa Comparison Chart

	Early Intervention (Early ACCESS)	Medical Services
Ages Served	Birth to age 3	All ages
Purpose	Support development in every-day routines	Treat specific medical or therapy needs
Who It Serves	Child and family together	Primarily the child
Eligibility	Determined individually	Determined individually
How Goals Are Written	Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) – family priorities and daily routines	Medical Plan of Care based on diagnosis
Where Services Happen	Home, daycare, community settings	Clinic, hospital, therapy center
How Services Look	EA Provider coaches caregivers during real activities	Therapist works directly with the child
Cost to Families	No cost to families in Iowa	Billed to insurance or Medicaid
Parent Role	Active partner during every visit	Observer or participant as allowed
Can Be Used Together?	Yes	Yes
What Happens at Age 3?	Transition planning to pre-school/IEP	May continue if medically needed