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Subject: Therapy Assessment for Environmental Modification Services

This memo provides clarification regarding Environmental Modification assessments.

Environmental Modification assessments are completed by a Physical Therapist (PT) and/or an Occupational Therapist (OT) who is a member of the individual's Interdisciplinary Team (IDT). The therapist on the individual's team will assess the person's home environment and make recommendations for the requested environmental modifications based on the person's functional needs, health, and safety requirements.

> **For those over the age of 21**: If a PT and/or OT needs to be added to the person's team, please access the Secondary Freedom of Choice (SFOC) and follow current budget revision procedures for a targeted evaluation/assessment.
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> **For those under the age of 21**: Please contact the Primary Care Provider (PCP) to request a referral for a PT and/or OT assessment through Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) services.

If no provider agency is listed on the SFOC, or no EPSDT provider is available, submit a Regional Office Request for Assistance (RORA) using the RORA Electronic Submission Form http://www.hca.nm.gov/developmental-disabilities-supports-division/. Indicate the need for a therapist through Safety Net Services. The assigned PT or OT Statewide Consultant will assess the person's home environment and make recommendations.

Please share this information with your teams and incorporate it into your referral process moving forward.

If you have questions regarding required assessments for Environmental Modification Services or the RORA process, please contact Moses Martinez, Therapy Coordinator-Supervisor, 505-527-3611 or via email at Moses.martinez3@hca.nm.gov, Clinical Services Bureau.