Eligibility of Child with Orthopedic Impairment
Policy/Procedure

Children with orthopedic impairments are eligible for special education services.

1. A child is classified as having an orthopedic impairment if the condition is severe enough to adversely affect a child's learning. An orthopedic impairment involves muscles, bones, or joints and is characterized by impaired ability to maneuver in educational or non-educational settings, to perform fine or gross motor activities, or to perform self-help skills and by adversely affected educational performance.

2. An orthopedic impairment includes, but is not limited to, spina bifida, cerebral palsy, loss of or deformed limbs, contractures caused by burns, arthritis, or muscular dystrophy.

This policy complies with Head Start Performance Standard 45 CFR Section 1304.21, 1308.12
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