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Question and Answer
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Question: What is the Primary Setting for an IFSP and how does a Service Coordinator record this in the IFSP document?

Answer: Primary setting for IFSP is the location where most of the child's IFSP services are provided. The IFSP Team identifies this location from the following options:

- *Special purpose facility:* A program designed specifically for children with developmental delays or disabilities.
- *Community setting:* A program designed primarily for typically developing children, which includes childcare settings, preschools, and other community programs.
- *Home:* The child's own home, and this may include the provision of service in a relative's home.
- *Hospital:* Refers to inpatient services only.
- *Residential facility*
- *Service provider location:* This location would include a clinic or provider's office where the family receives most services.
- *Other:* This location is one that is not previously described; a location description is required when selecting this option. **NOTE:** *this should be used in a very limited number of situations.*

Once all of the services have been identified in the IFSP meeting, the Team reviews the various strategies and settings to determine which one of the settings most accurately defines where the majority of services will be provided. This consideration includes looking at the frequency, intensity, duration and location of all services.

Using the categories described above, the Service Coordinator will select one setting listed in the webspoe under "IFSP Specifications" during an Initial or Annual IFSP meeting **Note:** *during an Inter-periodic or 6-month meeting, this option is not available to be changed.*

If a child is receiving all services as No Provider Available (NPA), the location should be coded in relation to Service Coordination, which would typically be a service provided in the home.