

Effective Documentation for Outcome Ratings

Features of Effective Documentation:

- Mentions specific functional skills the child uses in everyday settings and situations and the consistency with which they are observed.
- Describes the presence and absence of age-anchored skills (AE, IF, and F) that are consistent with the selected rating.
- Focuses on the child’s current level of functioning rather than how much progress the child has made.
- Identifies the assessment tool(s) that contributed information for the rating.

Documentation Key:

Overall Age Expected	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide examples of the child’s age-expected functioning. • Indicate: “No concerns.”
	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide examples of the child’s age-expected functioning. • Note concerns. • <i>Evidence should not include any functioning that is not age expected for a rating of 6 or 7.</i>
Overall Not Age Appropriate	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide examples of the child’s age-expected functioning. • Provide examples of the child’s functioning that is not age expected.
	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide examples of the child’s age-expected functioning. • Provide examples of the child’s functioning that is not age expected. • <i>Evidence should show more functioning that is not age expected.</i>
	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide examples of the child’s functioning at the immediate foundational skill level. • <i>Evidence should not show age-expected functioning for a rating of 3.</i>
	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide examples of the child’s functioning at the immediate foundational skill level. • Provide examples of the child’s functioning that is not yet age expected or immediate foundational. • <i>Evidence should show more functioning that is foundational than is immediate foundational for a rating of 2.</i>
	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide examples of the child’s functioning that is not yet age expected or immediate foundational. • <i>Evidence should not show age-expected or immediate foundational functioning for a rating of 1.</i>