Decision Tree for coding Early Childhood Educational Environments

Is the child attending a regular early childhood program [includes a majority, at least 50 percent, of nondisabled children (i.e., children not on IEPs)]? This category may include, but is not limited to: Head Start; kindergarten, preschool classes offered to an eligible pre-kindergarten population by the public school system; private kindergartens or preschools; and group child development center or child care.

- **YES**
  - If **YES**, determine the following: How many hours does the child attend a regular early childhood program?
    - **10 or more** hours per week
      - If **10 or more** hours per week: Where does the child receive the majority of special education and related services?
        - **CEDARS LRE Code:**
          - 14 = Reg EC Program=10 or more hrs/wk & rec SDI in Reg EC program
          - 17 = Reg EC Program= 10 or more hrs/wk & rec SDI elsewhere
    - **Less than** 10 hours per week
      - If **less than** 10 hours per week: Where does the child receive the majority of special education and related services?
        - **CEDARS LRE Code:**
          - 18 = Reg EC Program= less than 10 hrs/wk & rec SDI in Reg EC program
          - 19 = Reg EC Program= less than 10 hrs/wk & rec SDI elsewhere

- **NO**
  - If **NO**, determine the following: Is the child attending a special education program?
    - **If YES**
      - **CEDARS LRE Code:**
        - 35 = Separate Class
        - 16 = Separate School
        - 15 = Residential Facility
    - **If NO**
      - Is the child receiving the majority of special education and related services in the residence of the family or caregiver?
        - If **YES**
          - **CEDARS LRE Code:**
            - 13 = Home
        - If **NO**
          - **CEDARS LRE Code:**
            - 36 = Service Provider
              - Location or some other location that is NOT in any other category

Definitions:
- 35 = class with less than 50% nondisabled children. This category may include, but is not limited to programs in: regular school buildings, trailers, portables, child care facilities, hospital facilities—out patient, other community based settings.
- 16 = Designed for students with IEPs.
- 15 = residential school or medical facility—inpatient.