

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT HOME VISITING PROGRAM: IMPACT OF THE HOME VISITING PROGRAM ON RURAL COMMUNITIES

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Outline

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Affordable Care Act Legislation

- Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA)
- Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program
- Maternal and Child Health Block Grant (Title V)
- Department of Health and Human Services
 - HRSA
 - ACF

What is a Home Visiting Program?

- Services offered on a voluntary basis to pregnant women, expectant fathers, and parents and caregivers of children in the home setting.
- Improvement Outcomes:
 - ▣ Improve maternal and child health
 - ▣ Improve school readiness and achievement
 - ▣ Improve family economic self-sufficiency
 - ▣ Improve coordination and referrals
 - ▣ Support parenting skills

Home Visiting Program cont.

- Prevention Outcomes
 - Prevent child injuries
 - Prevent child abuse or maltreatment
 - Reduce ER visits
 - Reduce crime or domestic violence

Federal Requirements

- Submit a statewide needs assessment
 - ▣ Benchmarks:
 - Premature birth
 - Low-birth weight infants
 - Infant mortality
 - Poverty
 - Crime
 - Domestic violence
 - High school dropouts
 - Substance abuse
 - Unemployment
 - Child maltreatment

Federal Requirements Cont.

- Submit updated state plan
 - Evidence-based home visiting models
 - 75% evidence-based, 25% promising practices
 - Identify at-risk communities

Importance to Rural Community

- Based on benchmarks, greater risk than urban counterparts.
- States may choose not to include rural:
 - Transportation
 - Workforce shortages
 - Mileage reimbursements
 - Small population sizes
 - Low birth rates
 - Evidence-based models

Findings

- All 10 states including counties with rural areas
- Selected models that may support paraprofessional staff.
- Request technical assistance
 - ▣ Providing home visiting services to rural communities
 - ▣ Innovative delivery strategies
 - ▣ Maintaining model fidelity
 - ▣ Program evaluation
 - ▣ Training workforce

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