

Rule Summary and Fiscal Analysis

Part A - General Questions

Rule Number: 3701-8-02

Rule Type: Amendment

Rule Title/Tagline: Home visiting program eligibility.

Agency Name: Department of Health

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I. Rule Summary

1. **Is this a five year rule review?** No
 - A. **What is the rule's five year review date?** 7/1/2023
2. **Is this rule the result of recent legislation?** No
3. **What statute is this rule being promulgated under?** 119.03
4. **What statute(s) grant rule writing authority?** 3701.61
5. **What statute(s) does the rule implement or amplify?** 3701.61
6. **What are the reasons for proposing the rule?**

To streamline the process for determining eligibility for home visiting services to serve families sooner, and to align eligibility criteria with evidence-based and promising-practice model standards, which will allow for more families being eligible for services.

7. **Summarize the rule's content, and if this is an amended rule, also summarize the rule's changes.**

The rule establishes eligibility criteria for the home visiting program and is being amended to move the responsibility of determining eligibility from the home visiting provider to the central intake and referral agency. This shift will allow for families to be

determined eligible earlier in the process, allowing them to receive services sooner. The rule also aligns eligibility criteria with evidence-based and promising-practice model standards.

8. **Does the rule incorporate material by reference? No**
9. **If the rule incorporates material by reference and the agency claims the material is exempt pursuant to R.C. 121.75, please explain the basis for the exemption and how an individual can find the referenced material.**

Not Applicable

10. **If revising or re-filing the rule, please indicate the changes made in the revised or re-filed version of the rule.**

Not Applicable

II. Fiscal Analysis

11. **Please estimate the increase / decrease in the agency's revenues or expenditures in the current biennium due to this rule.**

This will increase expenditures.

1,890.00

Recent legislation, effective September 30, 2021, expands the families eligible for home visiting services to encompass families with a pregnant woman or child under five years of age to enable more families to receive services in accordance with evidence-based and promising models. Previously, eligibility of home visiting services was limited to families with a pregnant woman or child under three years of age.

The estimated cost of serving these additional families under the expanded eligibility criteria is \$1.89 million. This estimate is based on the recent number of referrals from public children services agencies. Based on these referrals, there would be approximately 2,700 families in total receiving services. This number reflects the families exiting services and otherwise meeting eligibility requirements. Of these, approximately 35% or 945 families would likely have children that qualify the family for home visiting services under the expanded age eligibility provisions. The average cost of serving each family is \$4,000 in fees, which amounts to \$3,780,000. Because the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services is assuming half of these costs, the Ohio Department of Health's projected increase in costs is \$1,890,000. Adequate appropriations have been made to cover these new costs.

12. What are the estimated costs of compliance for all persons and/or organizations directly affected by the rule?

Not Applicable.

13. Does the rule increase local government costs? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part B). No

14. Does the rule regulate environmental protection? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part C). No

15. If the rule imposes a regulation fee, explain how the fee directly relates to your agency's cost in regulating the individual or business.

Not Applicable.

III. Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Questions

16. Was this rule filed with the Common Sense Initiative Office? Yes

17. Does this rule have an adverse impact on business? No

A. Does this rule require a license, permit, or any other prior authorization to engage in or operate a line of business? No

B. Does this rule impose a criminal penalty, a civil penalty, or another sanction, or create a cause of action, for failure to comply with its terms? No

C. Does this rule require specific expenditures or the report of information as a condition of compliance? No

D. Is it likely that the rule will directly reduce the revenue or increase the expenses of the lines of business of which it will apply or applies? No

IV. Regulatory Restrictions (This section only applies to agencies indicated in R.C. 121.95 (A))

18. Are you adding a new or removing an existing regulatory restriction as defined in R.C. 121.95? No

A. How many new regulatory restrictions do you propose adding?

Not Applicable

B. How many existing regulatory restrictions do you propose removing?

Not Applicable