## <u>3701-8-03</u> Eligibility and consent.

- (A) Participation in HMG is voluntary. Each county HMG program shall obtain written consent from eligible individuals prior to any service being provided.
- (B) Subject to the availability of funds, the following are eligible for HMG home visiting services:
  - (1) Infant or toddler who has been involved in a substantiated case of abuse or neglect or who has at least one parent engaged in active military duty; and
  - (2) The following if the family's income is equal to or less than two hundred per cent of the federal poverty level:
    - (a) Parent expecting first child;
    - (b) Infant or toddler who is enrolled before six months of age and is the first born or adopted child in the family.
- (C) The following individuals shall be eligible for part C of HMG:
  - (1) Infant or toddler who has a developmental delay of one and one half standard deviation below the mean in any one area of development using a tool prescribed by the department; and
  - (2) Infant or toddler who has a diagnosed physical or mental condition determined by the department as having a high probability of resulting in a delay.
    - Financial eligibility is not a requirement for part C of HMG.
- (D) Service coordinators and home visitors shall provide parents a copy of the parent's rights brochure published by the department.
- (E) Each county HMG program shall complete the following utilizing the mechanisms prescribed by the department no later than forty-five days after referral of an infant or toddler suspected of being eligible under paragraph (C) of this rule:
  - (1) A social-emotional development screening;
  - (2) A vision screening;
  - (3) A hearing screening;
  - (4) A nutritional screening:
  - (5) Evaluation for eligibility (when applicable) and assessment for program planning; and

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- (6) An individualized family services plan.
- (F) For an infant or toddler with a diagnosed physical or mental condition that has a high probability of resulting in a delay, with parent consent, each county HMG program:
  - (1) Shall complete all sections of the initial IFSP within forty-five days of initial referral; and
  - (2) May develop an interim IFSP to immediately begin identified needed services prior to the completion of the developmental assessment and IFSP as required in paragraph (E) of this rule.
- (G) Each county HMG program shall document and verify eligibility of HMG participants.

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