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**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, and in accordance with the county PRC plan, the following individuals are eligible for HMG:

(1) Newborns for newborn home visiting;

(2) Newborns, infants, toddlers and expectant families who have the number of risk factors designated by the county FCFC to place a newborn, infant or toddler at risk for a delay. The county FCFC shall:

(a) Designate the minimum number of risk factors for eligibility to be no less than four and no greater than six; and

(b) Notify the Department of the number of risk factors designated for eligibility and any changes to the designated minimum number of risk factors.

(3) Families of individuals listed in paragraphs (B)(1) to (B)(2) of this rule.

(C) Each CDJFS has financial eligibility criteria for use of TANF funds as set forth in their county PRC plan for eligible individuals listed in paragraphs (B)(1) to (B)(3) of this rule.

(D) The following individuals shall be eligible for Part C of HMG:

(1) Newborns, infants and toddlers who are experiencing a delay;

(2) Newborns, infants and toddlers who have a diagnosed physical or mental condition that has a high probability of resulting in a delay; and

(3) Families of individuals listed in paragraphs (D)(1) to (D)(2) of this rule.

Financial eligibility is not a requirement for Part C eligibility.

(E) Each county HMG program shall provide eligible individuals a copy of the parent's rights brochure published by the department.

(F) Except as provided in paragraph (G) of this rule, each county HMG program shall complete the following within forty-five days from referral of an infant or toddler:

(1) A screening by using the ages and stages questionnaire ("ASQ"), or the Denver developmental screening test II ("DDSTII"); or

(2) A developmental evaluation to determine Part C eligibility after the initial

referral or the date of suspected delay for a child.

(G) For a newborn, 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 shall:

(1) Develop an IFSP and immediately begin identified needed services; and

(2) Conduct a developmental assessment for program planning within forty-five days of initial referral.

(H) Each county HMG program shall document and verify eligibility of HMG participants.

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