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

- (A) Participation in HMG is voluntary. Each county 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 and toddlers, and expectant families who are determined to have four or more risk factors; and
 - (3) Families of individuals listed in paragraphs (B)(1) to (B)(2) of this rule.
- (C) Counties may have financial eligibility criteria for use of 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 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 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

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

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

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