

# Home Visiting Advisory Committee Updates

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**CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES**



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



# Home Visiting Decision Package



- **Fully fund rates**
  - In a prior legislative request, DCYF estimated about a 30% increase of salary and benefits cost. However, in working to implement rates over the past year, DCYF has found that to fully fund the true cost of service that the percent increase is much higher.
  - DCYF is seeking additional funding to ensure we will have the funds necessary to complete the rate setting process in FY 2025.
- **Ongoing funding for 6109 HV pilot program**
  - ESSB 6109 (2024) established a pilot program for contracted slots for home visiting services in high risk locales. This pilot is currently funded for only one year.
  - DCYF is requesting ongoing funding in order to sustain this program.

# RATES UPDATE



# Models/programs implementing rates this fiscal year (SFY25)

- Family Spirit (3)
- ParentChild+ (4)
- Outreach Doula (1)
- Child Parent Psychotherapy (1)

# What is happening?

- Contracts effective July 1, 2024 – Contracts are Routing NOW!
  - Updating Definitions – Active Engagement
    - Active Engagement = Visited Families + Encountered Families (unduplicated)
    - Tracking engagement **monthly** (no longer quarterly)
    - Active engagement - 2 separate components to be tracked separately
    - Visited Families = Received model defined home visit during the reporting **month**
    - Encountered Families = Received an encounter but no home visit during the reporting **month**
    - *Encounter = a substantive two-way interaction with a participating family via in-person, email, text or phone call that includes minimal or no program model content; the interaction would not be considered a home visit by the program model*
- Updating invoicing and reporting systems in development for October 1.
- Payment methodology has changed from a cost reimbursement to a hybrid payment method (rate & cost reimbursement)

**PRE-RATES:** Cost Reimbursement

- Detailed Annual Budget
- Maximum Eligible Payment = the annual budget divided by 12
- Each month, Providers invoice and are paid up to the maximum eligible payment to be reimbursed for cost incurred.
- Supporting documentation for each expense is submitted with the invoice

**RATES:** Hybrid Payment Method

- Monthly Payment for Each Actively Engaged Family
  - Capacity=35% per slot
  - Service= 65% per slot
- Direct Billables
  - Budget-Based
    - Model Fees and other associated model costs
    - Model Training Fees
    - Travel for home visits, model training
    - Screening tools

**Hybrid Payment Method: Payment Methodology Implementation Schedule for Four Rates Models**

Month	Jul 24	Aug 24	Sept 24	Oct 24	Nov 24	Dec 24
Payment Basis	Slot Based + Direct Billables	Slot Based + Direct Billables	Slot Based + Direct Billables	Capacity + Service Delivery + Direct Billables	Capacity + Service Delivery + Direct Billables	Capacity + Service Delivery + Direct Billables



# Rates Delayed

- **Nurse Family Partnership (12)**
- **Parents as Teachers (22)**
  - 7% Budget Increase
  - Rates re-engagement started in August
  - Anticipate rates contracts effective July 1, 2025 (or before if possible, pending available budget)
  - Updating reporting systems to phase in during FY24
  - Rates finalization in Fall 2024
  - Pending HRSA/MIECHV Approval



# Rates Exempt

- **Early Head Start-Home Based (2)**
- **STEEP (1)**
- **Early Steps to School Success (1)**
  - Budget increases – based on duration of HVSA funding
  - Contracts effective July 1, 2024
  - Updating invoicing and reporting systems to phase in during FY24
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# Thank You!

**Next Meeting August 22, 2024 (10-12)**

