

# HVSA Aligned Measures Quality Assurance Reports

Thank you for your efforts in submitting data for State Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)! The Department of Health recently shared a report via Secure File Transfer that includes your program’s performance on 7 of the 8 HVSA Aligned Measures in SFY 2021 and offers an opportunity to compare your performance to the HVSA overall\* and the National MIECHV Threshold for 2020†.

The report includes the following tabs:

- 1) **Summary** – includes a table and a bar chart that display your program’s data for each measure, as well as All HVSA performance\* and the National MIECHV Threshold for FFY 2020†.
- 2) **Guardian** – includes a line listing of guardians and whether they met, did not meet, were excluded from, or were missing data for each measure with guardian as the unit of analysis.
- 3) **Child** – includes a line listing of children and whether they met, did not meet, were excluded from, or were missing data for each measure with child as the unit of analysis.

As you review the report, you may want to consider:

- **How do my program’s results compare to the HVSA as a whole and the National MIECHV Threshold? Do any of these results surprise me?**

If your program’s performance is at or above the HVSA a whole and/or the national threshold, it’s time to celebrate! If not, we’d like to consider why performance may be lower and how to improve. In many cases, performance may have suffered due to COVID and its effects on delivering services this past year. In other cases, there may be issues in the timing of data collection – screenings may have been completed outside of the measure-defined windows, for example. There may also be issues in the way that DOH is pulling data from your data system to calculate performance. If you find discrepancies between this report and your local data, please reach out to one of the DOH staff listed at the end of this document.

- **Are there measures where my program is missing a substantial proportion of data?**

The HVSA strives for a missing value of less than 10% for each measure. We encourage you to review the “Reason” columns in the Guardian and Child tabs for each measure missing 10% or more to identify trends in missing data. Are there several children missing a date of birth? Is there room for improvement in asking all eligible families about breastfeeding, well-child visits, early language and literacy activities, etc.? Are there any missing pieces that can be filled in now to improve for next year?

The table on the following pages includes definitions for each aligned measure and key considerations to help you understand why a caregiver or child met, did not meet, was excluded, or was considered missing. We thank you for your diligence in reviewing this report and using it to inform improvements for SFY 2022.

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\* “All HVSA Performance” in this report includes results for programs that use Flo and Visit Tracker to report into DOH’s SQL database only.

† The National MIECHV Threshold values for FFY 2020 were calculated by HRSA and represent the average of 2018 National MIECHV performance and 2019 national MIECHV performance. National MIECHV performance includes performance measure data from 56 state and territorial MIECHV programs.

## Aligned Measure Descriptions

Measure	Definition	Timeline	Report Tab	Key Considerations
<b>Breastfeeding</b>	Percent of infants (among mothers who enrolled prenatally) who were breastfed any amount at 6 months of age	Collect when the child is between 6 months and 1 year of age	Child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To be eligible for this measure:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child must be 6-12 months of age during the report period.</li> <li>Caregiver must have been pregnant with the child during their enrollment in home visiting.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Depression Screening<sup>‡</sup></b>	Percent of primary caregivers who are screened for depression using a validated tool within 3 months of enrollment (for those not enrolled prenatally) or 3 months of delivery (for those enrolled prenatally)	Complete PHQ-9 within 3 months of enrollment or 3 months of delivery (for those who enrolled prenatally)	Guardian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To be eligible for this measure:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The caregiver must be newly enrolled in your program.</li> <li>The caregiver's screening window must end during the report period.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Eligible caregivers must be screened within a specified window – between 0 and 92 days after enrollment if enrolled postnatally or 0 and 92 days post-delivery if enrolled prenatally – to meet the measure.</li> </ul>
<b>Well-Child Visits</b>	Percent of children who received the last recommended well-child visit based on the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) schedule	Ask at every home visit for each child	Child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The "last recommended" well-child visit is calculated using the child's age at their last home visit of the report period.</li> </ul>
<b>Child Maltreatment</b>	Percent of children with at least one investigated case of maltreatment following enrollment within the report period	Collect a signed consent to share identifiable data with DOH from all guardians at enrollment	Guardian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Because the 2021 data linkage between DOH/DCYF and DSHS has not yet occurred, SFY 21 Child Maltreatment measure results are not included in this report.</li> <li>Information about which guardians are missing consent status is located in the last column of the Guardian tab.</li> </ul>

<sup>‡</sup> All HVSA Performance is below MIECHV Threshold for FFY2020

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<b>Parent-Child Interaction</b>	Percent of primary caregivers who receive an observation of caregiver-child interactions by the home visitor using a validated tool	Complete assessment at least once during the reporting year	Guardian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To meet the measure, a parent-child pair needs to receive an assessment at least once in the report period.</li> <li>Validated tools include the HOME, DANCE, and PICCOLO.</li> </ul>
<b>Early Language and Literacy Activities</b>	Percent of children with a family member who reported that during a typical week they read, told stories, and/or sang songs with their child daily, every day	Collect data at least once during the reporting period for each enrolled child	Child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To meet the measure, a caregiver must respond that someone in the home read, sang songs, or told stories every day of a typical week during the report period.</li> </ul>
<b>Developmental Screening</b>	Percent of children with a timely screen for developmental delays using a validated parent-completed tool	Complete the 9 or 10, 18, 24 or 30 month ASQ-3 screenings during the AAP specified timeframes	Child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eligible children must have at least one on-time ASQ-3 screening during the report period to meet the measure.</li> <li>Children with a documented developmental delay who are receiving services are excluded from the measure.</li> </ul>
<b>Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Screening</b>	Percent of primary caregivers who are screened for intimate partner violence (IPV) using a validated tool	Within 6 months of enrollment	Guardian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Caregivers must be screened within a specified window – between 0 and 182 days after enrollment.</li> <li>Newly enrolled caregivers whose screening window ends after 6/30/2021 are excluded from this measure and will be included next year.</li> </ul>

We welcome your suggestions for how to make these reports more user-friendly and time-efficient for you. Please reach out to us with any questions, comments, and concerns:

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