

HVSA MIECHV 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 18 of the 19 MIECHV Measures in SFY 2021 and offers an opportunity to compare your performance to the HVSA overall* and the National MIECHV Threshold for 2020†. In addition, we hope you’ll use this report to complete outstanding assessments and clean up missing data in advance of annual MIECHV reporting. Make sure to collect this data by **September 30th** and/or enter it into your data system by **October 8th**.

The report includes the following tabs:

- 1) **Aligned Measure Results** – includes a table and a bar chart that display your program’s data for each aligned measure, as well as All HVSA performance* and the National MIECHV Threshold for FFY 2020†.
- 2) **Add'l MIECHV Measure Results** – includes a table and a bar chart that display your program’s data for each additional MIECHV measure, as well as All HVSA performance* and the National MIECHV Threshold for FFY 2020†.
- 3) **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.
- 4) **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 as 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 MIECHV reporting?

We thank you for your diligence in reviewing this report and using it to inform improvements for FFY 2021!

* “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
Breastfeeding	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"> To be eligible for this measure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child must be 6-12 months of age during the report period. Caregiver must have been pregnant with the child during their enrollment in home visiting. MIECHV clean up tip: Pay special attention to children who were 6-12 months of age between 10/2/2020-9/30/2020 and are missing breastfeeding data. Before September 30th, ask the caregiver if the child received any breastmilk at 6 months of age.
Depression Screening^s	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"> To be eligible for this measure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The caregiver must be newly enrolled in your program. The caregiver's screening window must end during the report period. 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. MIECHV clean up tip: Identify caregivers who are still within 3 months of enrollment (if enrolled postnatally) or 3 months of birth (if enrolled prenatally) and missing a PHQ-9 within that window. Attempt to complete a PHQ-9 before September 30th.

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Well-Child Visits	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"> The “last recommended” well-child visit is calculated using the child’s age at their last home visit of the report period. MIECHV clean up tip: Ask about well-child visits at each home visit from now to September 30th to ensure that up-to-date data is available at the end of the report period.
Child Maltreatment	Percent of children with at least one investigated case of maltreatment following enrollment within the report period	Obtain consent to share identifiable data with DOH status from all guardians at enrollment	Guardian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Information about which guardians are missing consent status is located in the last column of the Guardian tab. MIECHV clean up tip: Ask caregivers who are missing consent status whether they consent to share identifiable data by September 30th. For those who have consented, confirm identifiable data has been entered into your data system, such as name, address, and Medicaid number.
Parent-Child Interaction⁵	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"> To meet the measure, a parent-child pair needs to receive an assessment at least once in the report period. Validated tools include the HOME, DANCE, and PICCOLO. MIECHV clean up tip: If your program is currently completing parent-child interaction assessments, identify caregivers who did not receive an assessment between 10/1/2020 and 9/30/2021 and attempt to complete an assessment with them before 9/30/2021.

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Early Language and Literacy Activities	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"> 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. MIECHV clean up tip: Identify children who are missing early language and literacy data between 10/1/2020 and 9/30/2021 and ask their caregiver how many days they read, tell stories, and/or sing songs with their child during a typical week.
Developmental Screening^s	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"> Eligible children must have at least one on-time ASQ-3 screening during the report period to meet the measure. Children with a documented developmental delay who are receiving services are excluded from the measure. MIECHV clean up tip: identify children who were eligible for and did not receive a 9 or 10, 18, 24, or 30 month ASQ-3 between 10/1/2020 and 9/30/2021. If the child is still eligible for one of the ASQ-3s listed above, attempt to complete it with their caregiver by 9/30/2021.
Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Screening^s	Percent of primary caregivers who are screened for IPV using a validated tool	Within 6 months of enrollment	Guardian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caregivers must be screened within a specified window – between 0 and 182 days after enrollment. Validated tools include FUTURES, the Relationship Assessment Tool (RAT), and Women’s Experiences with Battering (WEB). Newly enrolled caregivers whose screening window ends after 6/30/2021 are excluded from this measure and will be included next year. MIECHV clean up tip: If your program is currently completing IPV screenings, identify caregivers who are still within 6 months of enrollment and attempt to complete a screening with them by September 30th.

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Preterm Birth	Percent of infants (among mothers who enrolled in home visiting prenatally before 37 weeks) who are born preterm following program enrollment	Collect due date at enrollment and child date of birth when child is born	Child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be eligible for this measure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caregiver must have been less than 37 weeks pregnant with the child during their enrollment in home visiting. Child must be born during the report period. MIECHV clean up tip: identify born children missing date of birth and enter their date of birth by September 30th.
Postpartum Care^s	Number of mothers enrolled in home visiting prenatally or within 30 days after delivery who received a postpartum visit with a healthcare provider within 8 weeks (56 days) of delivery	Collect child DOB when child is born. Collect date of postnatal visit at least 8 weeks after delivery.	Guardian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be eligible for this measure, the caregiver must enroll prenatally or within 30 days after delivery. MIECHV clean up tip: identify caregivers who gave birth between 10/1/2020 and 9/30/2021 and are missing data on a postpartum visit. Ask the caregiver for the date of their postpartum visit(s) by September 30th.
Tobacco Cessation Referrals^s	Percent of primary caregivers enrolled in home visiting who reported using tobacco or cigarettes at enrollment and were referred to tobacco cessation counseling or services within 3 months of enrollment	Collect tobacco use status at enrollment. For caregivers that use tobacco at enrollment, make and document a tobacco cessation referral within 3 months of enrollment.	Guardian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be included in the measure, the caregiver must report using tobacco at enrollment. Caregivers who report tobacco use at enrollment and share that they are already receiving tobacco cessation services are excluded from the measure. MIECHV clean up tip: identify caregivers who will reach 3 months of enrollment by September 30th. Make sure to ask these caregivers about tobacco use at enrollment and make a tobacco cessation referral if the caregiver reports using tobacco and is not already in services.
Safe Sleep^s	Percent of infants enrolled in home visiting that are always placed to sleep on their backs, without bed-sharing or soft bedding	Ask caregiver about safe sleep practices at least once during the report period while the child is less than 1 year old.	Child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children who are less than 1 year old during the reporting period are evaluated for this measure. To meet the measure, caregiver must report that child is always placed to sleep on their back, never bed shares, and never uses soft bedding.

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MIECHV clean up tip: identify children who were less than 1 year old between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021 and who are missing safe sleep data. Ask their caregiver about safe sleep practices by September 30th, 2021.
Child Injury⁵	Rate of injury-related visits to the Emergency Department (ED) since enrollment among children enrolled in home visiting	Assess at least once at the end of the report year. (We recommend assessing multiple times during the year in case a family misses visits or exits unexpectedly.)	Child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All children who received at least one home visit during the report year are eligible for this measure. • MIECHV clean up tip: Between now and September 30th, ask each caregiver if any of their enrolled children had an ER visit due to an injury in the past year.
Behavioral Concerns	Percent of home visits where primary caregivers were asked if they have any concerns regarding their child's development, behavior, or learning	Ask at every home visit	Guardian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each primary caregiver with a born child should be asked about behavioral concerns at every home visit. • MIECHV clean up tip: Continue to ask about behavioral concerns at every visit.
Primary Caregiver Education	Percent of primary caregivers who enrolled in home visiting without a high school degree or equivalent who subsequently enrolled in, maintained continuous enrollment in, or completed high school or equivalent during their participation in home visiting	Ask at enrollment and update each year	Guardian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caregivers who reported having less than a high school degree or equivalent at enrollment are eligible for this measure. • MIECHV clean up tip: Before September 30th, ask each caregiver who is missing data about their highest level of education and whether they are currently enrolled in school.

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Continuity of Insurance Coverage	Percent of primary caregivers enrolled in home visiting who had continuous health insurance coverage for at least 6 consecutive months	Ask every 6 months	Guardian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To meet this measure, a caregiver must have had insurance for a consecutive 6 months since their enrollment in home visiting. MIECHV clean up tip: Between now and September 30th, update each enrolled caregiver's insurance history/status if they are missing data.
Completed Depression Referrals	Percent of primary caregivers referred to services for a positive screen for depression who receive one or more service contacts	Make a referral to mental health services whenever a caregiver has a positive PHQ-9	Guardian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caregivers must have screened positive during the initial 3-month window described in the Depression Screening measure to be eligible for this measure. Eligible caregivers must have received a referral to mental health services AND completed that referral to meet this measure. Caregivers who report already receiving mental health services before their positive PHQ-9 are excluded from this measure. MIECHV clean up tip: Identify enrolled caregivers who screened positive on the PHQ-9 and ensure that they have received a referral to mental health services. If the caregiver reported completing the referral, or reported already receiving services, make sure that information is also documented in your data system.
Completed Developmental Referrals⁵	Percent of children enrolled in home visiting with positive screens for developmental delays (measured using a validated tool) who receive services in a timely manner	Make a referral whenever a child screens positive on an ASQ-3	Child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This measure applies to children who screened positive on any version of the ASQ-3, not just those required for the Developmental Screening measure. Children who had a documented developmental delay diagnosis at enrollment or before the

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				<p>positive ASQ-3 and received services are excluded from this measure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MIECHV clean up tip: Identify children who screened positive on any ASQ-3. Ensure that they received a referral and the referral is documented. If the child received services, ensure that the date the referral was completed is documented, as well.
Intimate Partner Violence Referrals[§]	Percent of primary caregivers enrolled in home visiting with positive screens for IPV (measured using a validated tool) who receive referral information to IPV resources	Make a referral to IPV services whenever a caregiver screens positive on an IPV screening.	Guardian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be eligible for this measure, caregivers must have screened positive during the initial 6-month window described in the IPV Screening measure. • Eligible caregivers must have received a referral to IPV services, but the referral does not have to be completed to meet this measure. • MIECHV clean up tip: Identify enrolled caregivers who screened positive for IPV and ensure that they have received a referral to IPV services.

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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[§] All HVSA performance in SFY 2021 is below MIECHV National Threshold for FFY 2020.