

## FY 2018 Performance Measure Guidance Updates

In an effort to simplify reporting on the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program Benchmark Performance Measures and reduce reporting burden, the Division of Home Visiting and Early Childhood Systems (DHVECS) is issuing clarifying language related to the reporting of several measures. Note that these clarifications are consistent with the current specifications for each measure, and are not changes to the measures themselves. Some of these updates may require awardees to make changes to their approved Performance Measurement Plans (PMP). Instructions for how and when to make those changes are also included in this update. **Note that these changes are effective beginning with Fiscal Year 2018 reporting (October 1, 2017-September 30, 2018).** DHVECS will distribute additional resources and host a webinar to discuss these updates in further detail in November of 2017 (see Additional Resources at the end of this document).

### Performance Measure Guidance Updates

Before making the updates to the eight performance indicators and systems outcome measures below, DHVECS sought stakeholder feedback via an open meeting with members of the Association of State and Tribal Home Visiting Initiatives (ASHTVI), a session at the MIECHV All Grantee Meeting, and engaging with the Home Visiting Model Alliance. DHVECS obtained feedback regarding reporting burden, consistency, and implementation. The table below summarizes the guidance updates, identifies whether the change is required or optional, and indicates whether it is *likely* that a change to an awardee’s PMP will be required.

Performance Measure	Definition	FY18 Guidance Update	Required or Optional Change?	Updates Required to PMP?
<b>Breastfeeding</b>	Percent of infants (among mothers who enrolled in home visiting prenatally) who were breastfed any amount at 6 months of age	Infants should not be reported in multiple reporting periods	Required	Yes, if infants were previously included in multiple reporting periods
<b>Tobacco Cessation Referrals</b>	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	Primary caregivers should be excluded from the denominator if they were already receiving tobacco cessation services at enrollment	Required	Yes, if primary caregivers that were already receiving services at enrollment were previously included in the denominator
<b>Parent-Child Interaction</b>	Percent of primary caregivers enrolled in	Only one observation per primary caregiver	Required	Yes, if each parent-child dyad was

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	home visiting who receive an observation of caregiver-child interaction by the home visitor using a validated tool	(not for each parent-child dyad) should be reported		previously included in reporting for this measure
		All primary caregivers with children within the entire target age range of the tool should be reported	Required	Yes, if all primary caregivers with children within the entire target age range for the selected tool were not previously being included in reporting for this measure
<b>Developmental Screening</b>	Percent of children enrolled in home visiting with a timely screen for developmental delays using a validated parent-completed tool	Children <i>may be</i> excluded from the denominator if they have a previously identified developmental delay (prior to enrollment or prior to reaching an age-recommended screening)	Optional	Yes, if children with a previously identified developmental delay were being included in the denominator and the awardee is choosing to make this change
<b>Primary Caregiver Education</b>	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	A primary caregiver without a high school degree at enrollment who enrolls in or maintains continuous enrollment in middle school would count in the numerator	Required	Yes. Previous guidance did not allow primary caregivers who enrolled in or maintained continuous enrollment in middle school to be included in the numerator
<b>Continuity of Insurance Coverage</b>	Percent of primary caregivers enrolled in home visiting who had continuous	The 6 consecutive months of health insurance coverage must be in the same	Required	Yes, if the 6 consecutive months of health insurance coverage was

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	health insurance coverage for at least 6 consecutive months	reporting period and should not overlap another reporting period		previously calculated to include those instances where the coverage was not in the same reporting period and/or it was overlapping with other reporting periods
<b>Completed Depression Referrals</b>	Percent of primary caregivers referred to services for a positive screen for depression who receive one or more service contacts	A primary caregiver <b>may</b> be removed from the denominator if a subsequent screening does not indicate depressive symptoms (they would never count in the numerator in these circumstances)	Optional	Yes, if primary caregivers with a subsequent screening indicating no depressive symptoms continued to be included in the denominator and the awardee is choosing to make this change
<b>Completed Developmental Referrals</b>	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	A child <b>may be</b> excluded from the denominator if they had a previously identified delay (prior to enrollment or prior to the due date of an age recommended screening)	Optional	Yes, if children with a previously identified developmental delay were being included in the denominator and the awardee is choosing to make this change

## Updates to Performance Measurement Plans

In April of 2017, DHVECS issued guidance on revising PMPs. Within that guidance, it was noted that DHVECS would be releasing updated performance measurement guidance that may require awardees to update their PMPs as they relate to FY 2018 performance data collection and reporting.

Awardees should review the above changes and assess where changes may be needed to their PMP. As a reminder, a change request should be submitted for any change to a PMP, and all changes must be reviewed and approved by HRSA before being implemented by an awardee. Below is a table that outlines the processes MIECHV awardees should follow when requesting a change to a PMP.

Guidance		Questions to Consider
1	Identify all potential changes to your PMP to ensure your request is as comprehensive as possible and minimizes the need for future change requests	Have I considered all areas of my PMP that may need updating at this time? Do any of the changes being submitted have implications elsewhere in my PMP?
2	Discuss potential changes with your HRSA Project Officer (PO)	What questions do I have for my PO about these changes?
3	Document your requested changes in your current approved PMP using the track changes mechanism	Have I captured all necessary changes?
4	Provide additional comments, rationale, and context in a separate document accompanying the revised PMP	What are the reasons for the proposed changes? Is there additional clarification or context that would help expedite the review process? How will these changes affect the consistency and comparability of my data in future reporting periods?
5	Submit your documented changes to your PO	

**Awardees should submit all FY 2018 PMP change requests to their PO no later than February 28, 2018.**

### Additional Resources

In addition to these updates, and to assist awardees in their data collection and reporting efforts, a number of other resources will also be available in November 2017:

- An update to the Performance Measure FAQs (The MIECHV Program Demographic, Service Utilization, and Select Clinical Indicators and Performance Indicators and Systems Outcomes Frequently Asked Questions)
- An update to the Performance Measurement Toolkit (Form 2 Performance Indicators and Systems Outcomes Data Collection and Reporting Manual and Grantee Plan)
- A new Form 1 Performance Measurement Toolkit
- An Awardee webinar detailing the updated guidance