



# Overview of the HealthChoices Maternal Home Visiting Program

PA PQC

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- New requirement for evidenced-informed home visits in 2021
- Objective of the home visiting program is to improve maternal and infant health outcomes and reduce maternal and infant morbidity and mortality, especially in individuals identified to be at risk
- Home visits for all first-time parents, parents/caregivers of infants with additional risk factors and any infant and their parent/caregiver
  - In addition to already required postpartum visits

- Home visiting services must be available from the prenatal period through the child's first 18 months of life.
- Assessments must include maternal, infant and family needs and risks – including focus on social, racial, economic and environmental factors
- Programs must be individualized, strengths-based and family focused to ensure all needs are addressed and families are active partners in their care

- Requirements for home visitors
  - Licensed and/or non-licensed staff with an emphasis on expanding the use of non-licensed providers
  - Meet the requirements of nationally recognized home visiting programs
  - Knowledgeable of community resources
- For families who decline, the PH-MCO is to reach out to the parent/caregiver every 90 days
- Home visiting services must be initiated as soon as parent/caregiver agrees to the first visit, but no more than fourteen (14) calendar days.

- In-person visits are preferred; telehealth for specified situations
- Encouraging MCOs to work on expansion and capacity building of existing evidenced-based home visiting programs
- For additional information: [HealthChoices - Physical HealthChoices \(pa.gov\)](#)



Any Questions?

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