

# MINNESOTA COALITION FOR TARGETED HOME VISITING

## 2017 POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE POSITION STATEMENTS

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Goals	Policy Position Statements	Legislative Position Statements
<p>1. <b>Increase resources for quality targeted home visiting programs and services</b></p>	<p><b>1. Expand the list of recognized evidence-based targeted home visiting programs in Minnesota.</b> There are 17 evidence-based targeted home visiting programs recognized by HRSA. Expanding the list of recognized evidence-based programs in Minnesota increases access to quality programming across the state.</p> <p><b>2. Explore new Medicaid reimbursement for home visits by trained or licensed professionals and paraprofessionals.</b> Targeted home visits are conducted by a number of professionals and paraprofessionals including public health nurses, social workers and community health workers. New Medicaid reimbursement options could lead to increased resources for targeted home visiting service delivery.</p> <p><b>3. Advocate for or identify private funding to test the voluntary use of program best practices in evidence-supported targeted programs</b> as a means of improving program quality and outcomes for families.</p>	<p><b>1. Increase access to targeted home visiting programs.</b> New, competitive state funding for targeted home visiting services to families living in poverty, targeting first time moms and families within special populations. Special populations may include teens, families with special needs, families with mental health needs, families experiencing homelessness and/or incarcerated women.</p> <p>Funding will promote collaborative partnerships within and across communities to meet the needs of vulnerable families living in poverty. Resources will be designated within grants to build capacity within a community to improve coordination and collaboration in support of families. Additional resources will be targeted to professional development and training needs of staff to ensure quality programming.</p> <p>Eligible entities include community health boards, tribal health agencies and nonprofit organizations operating targeted home visiting programs.</p> <p><b>2. Support increasing Medicaid reimbursement rates for all public health nurse home visits.</b> Reimbursement rates for home visits have not kept pace with costs of providing these services. Increasing Medicaid reimbursement rates will help service providers cover their costs and increase their reach to families.</p>
<p>2. <b>Build a strong infrastructure to support quality targeted home visiting programs and services</b></p>	<p><b>Increase coordination, collaboration and/or integration of home visiting services</b></p> <p>1. <b>Create a plan to identify existing home visiting services and identify strategies to increase coordination and collaboration around service delivery</b> in communities across the state of Minnesota.</p> <p>2. <b>Identify strategies to diversify the field of targeted home visiting professionals</b> to better reflect the families they serve throughout Minnesota.</p>	