

**MINNESOTA COALITION FOR TARGETED HOME VISITING
2018 POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE POSITION STATEMENTS**

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Goals	2017 Policy Position Statements	2017 Legislative Position Statements	2018 Policy Position Statements	2018 Legislative Position Statements
<p>1. Increase resources for quality targeted home visiting programs and services</p>	<p>1. Expand the list of recognized evidence-based targeted home visiting programs in Minnesota. There are 15 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>NOTE: This may be addressed in the new home visiting RFP. If so, we may be able to remove this policy position.</p> <p>2. Explore new Medicaid reimbursement for home visits by trained or licensed professionals and paraprofessionals. 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>1. Increase access to targeted home visiting programs. 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</p>	<p>1. Expand the list of recognized evidence-based targeted home visiting programs in Minnesota. There are 15 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>2. Advocate for or identify private funding to adapt family engagement assessment tools to promote best practices in engaging families and communities in home visiting programs as a means of improving program quality and outcomes for families.</p> <p>3. Advocate for or identify private funding to test the voluntary use of program best practices in evidence-informed targeted home visiting programs as a means of improving program quality and outcomes for families.</p>	<p>1. Increase flexibility and access to targeted home visiting programs. Increase flexibility in the types of home visiting programs eligible to apply for home visiting funding at MDH, DHS and/or MDE.</p> <p>Increase flexibility in the types of programs eligible to access state funding, and/or increase flexibility in eligibility of families receiving services to ensure diverse programs and delivery systems are available to best meet the needs of families with complex needs.</p> <p>Continue to promote and support collaboration and coordination among service providers.</p> <p>2. Protect investments to home visiting programs and services to ensure services to families are not reduced.</p>

	<p>3. Advocate for or identify private funding to test the voluntary use of program best practices in evidence-supported targeted programs as a means of improving program quality and outcomes for families.</p> <p>NOTE: Discussing partnership with U of MN to pursue joint funding and test these best practices in program quality (formerly referred to as quality standards).</p>	<p>home visiting programs.</p> <p>NOTE: Our legislative success partially addressed our Legislative Position. We were advocating that quality home visiting programs (both evidence-informed and evidence-based would be eligible). New state funding identified evidence-based programs and start up funds to move begin implementing an evidence-based program referring to HRSA/HomeVee website.</p> <p>2. Support increasing Medicaid reimbursement rates for all public health nurse home visits. 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>NOTE: The legislative success partially addressed our Legislative Position. Implementation begins January 2018, we will monitor to assess whether or not this requires further action. If not, we will consider moving to 2018 policy or legislative position statement. [LPHA & NFP led this advocacy effort.]</p>	<p>4. Explore the use of Social Impact Bonds to pay for home visiting services in Minnesota.</p> <p>5. Explore new Medicaid reimbursement for home visits by trained or licensed professionals and paraprofessionals. Targeted home visits are conducted by a number of professionals and paraprofessionals including public health nurses, social workers and community health workers.</p> <p>New Medicaid reimbursement options (including higher rates for CHWs or inclusion of early childhood educators) could lead to increased resources for targeted home visiting service delivery.</p>	
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<p>2. Build a strong infrastructure to support quality targeted home visiting programs and services</p>	<p>Increase coordination, collaboration and/or integration of home visiting services</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create a plan to identify existing home visiting services and identify strategies to increase coordination and collaboration around service delivery in communities across the state of Minnesota. <p>NOTE: This policy position was incorporated into the Legislative Proposal to increase funding. The Coalition advocated the new home visiting RFP require collaboration or provide additional points for collaboration/coordination.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Identify strategies to diversify the field of targeted home visiting professionals to better reflect the families they serve throughout Minnesota. <p>NOTE: The Coalition has promote the importance of diversifying the home visiting field as part of the advocacy efforts at the legislature but currently there are not requirements in place the workforce more closely reflect the families they serve.</p>		<p>1. Increase coordination and collaboration among home visiting services and programs in communities across the state of Minnesota to better serve families with complex needs.</p> <p>2. Identify strategies to diversify the field of targeted home visiting professionals to better reflect the families they serve throughout Minnesota.</p> <p>3. Identify shared outcomes across home visiting programs funding with public and private funding in Minnesota.</p>	
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