

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

PAYMENTS TO STATES FOR HOME VISITATION

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Amounts Available for Obligation

	<u>FY 2008 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2009 Estimate</u>	<u>FY 2010 Estimate</u>
Annual, B.A.	\$0	\$0	\$124,000,000
Subtotal, Net Budget Authority	\$0	\$0	\$124,000,000
Total Obligations	\$0	\$0	\$124,000,000

Budget Authority by Activity

	<u>FY 2008 Enacted</u>	<u>FY 2009 Estimate</u>	<u>FY 2010 Estimate</u>
Home Visitation	\$0	\$0	\$124,000,000

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Summary of Changes

FY 2009 Omnibus	
Total estimated budget authority	\$0
(Obligations)	(\$0)
FY 2010 Estimate	
Total estimated budget authority	\$124,000,000
(Obligations)	(\$124,000,000)
Net change	+\$0

	<u>FY 2009 Omnibus</u>	<u>Change from Base</u>
<u>Increases:</u>		
A. <u>Program:</u>		
1) Home Visitation: Establish mandatory program to support states in the provision of evidence-based home visitation services to low-income families.	\$0	+\$124,000,000
Subtotal, Program Increases		+\$124,000,000
Net Change		+\$124,000,000

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Justification

FY 2008 Appropriation	FY 2009 Omnibus	FY 2010 PB Request	FY10 Change from FY09 Omnibus
\$0	\$0	\$124,000,000	+\$124,000,000

Authorizing Legislation – Legislation will be proposed.

2010 AuthorizationPending Congressional action

Allocation MethodFormula Grant

General Statement

The Home Visitation program is a capped entitlement program designed to support the establishment and expansion of evidence-based home visitation programs in states and territories.

One model of home visitation, in which nurses deliver a careful protocol of home visits to low-income, first-time mothers beginning during pregnancy, has been proven through several randomized control trials to result in savings to Medicaid from reductions in pre-term births, emergency room use, and subsequent births. The Budget policy is estimated to save Medicaid \$664 million over 10 years, including \$189 million in 2019. Programs around the country use a range of promising home visiting models as well, serving young children and their families who are low-income, using different types of staff as visitors, such as social workers, and focusing on varied aspects of child and family well-being.

This budget reflects a request to establish a new home visitation program which will create long-term positive impacts for children and their families, as well as generate long-term positive impacts for society as a whole.

Program Description and Accomplishments – The Home Visitation program will provide matching grants to states and territories for home visits to low-income mothers and pregnant women. The initiative will give priority to models that have been rigorously evaluated and shown to have positive effects on critical outcomes for families and children. Grantees must submit a plan describing the program model they will follow, the evidence base supporting their effectiveness, how they will ensure fidelity to the proven model, assessing implementation, and the manner in which the program will be operated prior to approval for federal reimbursement.

Grant funds will primarily fund program models that have strong research evidence demonstrating effectiveness. Technical assistance, monitoring and evaluation for these programs would focus on ensuring fidelity to the models, and evaluating effectiveness of these models as conditions change over time. Additional funds will support promising programs, such as programs based on models with some research evidence of effectiveness and adaptations of previously evaluated programs. Technical assistance, monitoring and evaluation for these programs would focus on the development of promising models and rigorous (random assignment) evaluations of effectiveness.

States currently spend significant federal and local funds on various models of home visitation programs. The federal home visitation program would include a maintenance of effort requirement to ensure that new federal funds do not simply supplant existing state expenditures.

The program also includes a set-aside of not less than 5 percent for training and technical assistance, research and evaluation, monitoring, and administrative support.

The Home Visitation program, as it is a new initiative, has not been subject to program assessment. ACF plans to develop performance measures to monitor the performance outcomes of the Home Visitation program in the future.

Budget Request – The FY 2010 request for the Home Visitation program is \$124,000,000. The FY 2010 request will enable states to fund services for an estimated 50,000 families. Gradual growth in the program is envisioned, with the program reaching an estimated 450,000 new families at a cost of \$1.8 billion in FY 2019.

Home visitation is an investment that can yield substantial improvements in child health and development, readiness for school, reductions in child abuse and neglect, and parenting abilities to support children's optimal cognitive, language, social-emotional, and physical development. Studies of home visitation programs have demonstrated favorable effects on outcomes for mothers and children, including prenatal health, timing of subsequent pregnancies, childhood injuries, adolescent delinquency, and use of welfare and food stamps. Research including several randomized control trial studies showed one model of home visitation using nurses resulted in Medicaid savings from reductions in pre-term births, emergency room use, and subsequent births. Expanding proven effective home visitation programs is estimated to save Medicaid \$664 million over 10 years, including \$189 million in FY 2019.

Resource and Program Data
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	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Estimate	FY 2010 Estimate
<u>Resource Data:</u>			
Service Grants			
Formula			\$117,800,000
Discretionary			
Research/Evaluation			4,340,000
Demonstration/Development			
Training/Technical Assistance			1,109,000
Program Support			751,000
Total, Resources	\$0	\$0	\$124,000,000
<u>Program Data:</u>			
Number of Grants	0	0	76
New Starts			
#	0	0	76
\$	\$0	\$0	\$117,800,000
Continuations			
#	0	0	0
\$	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contracts			
#	0	0	4
\$	\$0	\$0	\$5,449,000
Interagency Agreements			
#	0	0	1
\$	\$0	\$0	\$200,000

Notes:

1. Program Support – Includes funding for information technology support, staffing and associated overhead.

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