



# **New Mexico Medicaid Home Visiting Program**

The New Mexico Home Visiting program is designed to support parents of children from prenatal through age five. It is a frontline strategy to create a cohesive, equitable, and responsive system that supports families, strengthens communities, and enhances child health, development, and education. Medicaid Home Visiting was added as a covered Medicaid service in 2020 in the Centennial Care 2.0 Medicaid 1115 Waiver and, since its start as a pilot program, has expanded to include all counties, to cover postpartum enrollment, and to include six evidence-based models.

# **How Home Visiting Works**

Administered by the New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD), New Mexico Home Visiting is a relationship-based program for all New Mexico families who are pregnant or have children under age five. Home visiting staff use a variety of models to meet individual child and family needs and provide culturally and linguistically appropriate services that support families' health, development, and education.



See the ECECD <u>2024 New Mexico Home Visiting Program Standards</u> for more information.

#### **Provider Requirements**

To be reimbursed for Medicaid-covered Home Visiting services rendered to Turquoise Care members, providers must:

- >>> Be enrolled with New Mexico Medicaid and credentialed with a Turquoise Care Managed Care Organization (MCO),
- Meet all Medicaid provider qualifications and standards outlined in the <u>Medicaid Home Visiting</u> <u>Policy and Billing Manual</u>,
- >> Meet the ECECD requirements outlined in the <a href="New Mexico Medicaid Home Visiting Process Map">New Mexico Medicaid Home Visiting Process Map</a>.

# **Managed Care Organization Responsibilities**

- >> Support provider enrollment, credentialing, and ensure timely claims payment,
- >> Provide training, support, and capacity building for Home Visiting providers to bill Medicaid,
- >>> Promote the Home Visiting program and incentivize member participation,
- >> Educate enrolled members on Home Visiting benefits and support referral to Home Visiting providers,
- >> Contact every pregnant member within two months of notification of a positive pregnancy test, educate them about the benefits of Home Visiting, and provide care coordination and submit

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- referrals for home visiting to the ECECD Am I Eligible referral portal,
- >> Provide quality oversight monitoring, ensure provider fidelity to program standards, and report performance to HCA,
- >> Collaborate with ECECD and HCA to sustain and develop the Home Visiting program, including workforce and provider capacity development initiatives, and
- >> Provide a single point of contact to address provider Home Visiting questions and concerns.

#### **Eligible Members**

Home Visiting is available to all families who are pregnant or have children under age five. It is a covered Medicaid service available at no cost to the member.

#### **Home Visiting Covered Services**

Prenatal, postpartum, and infant/child home visits up to age five may include:

- >> Diet and nutritional education,
- >> Stress management,
- >> Sexually transmitted disease prevention education,
- >> Tobacco use screening and cessation education,
- Alcohol and other substance misuse screening and counseling,
- >> Depression screening,
- >> Domestic and intimate partner violence screening and education,
- >>> Breastfeeding support and education,
- >> Guidance and education regarding wellness visits to obtain recommended preventive services,
- >> Maternal-infant safety assessment and education, such as safe sleep education to prevent sleeprelated infant death,
- >> Counseling regarding postpartum recovery, family planning, and needs of a newborn,
- >> Assistance to establish a primary source of care and a primary care provider, including help scheduling a mother/infant postpartum/newborn visit,
- >> Parenting skills and confidence building, and
- >> Child developmental screenings at major developmental milestones.

For more information visit the New Mexico ECECD Home Visiting web page.

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