

Subject Home visiting for pregnant women and families with young children

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Overview

This bill directs the commissioner of health to award grants for home visiting programs serving pregnant women and families with young children, and requires at least 75 percent of these grant funds to be awarded to evidence-based programs that address health equity and up to 25 percent of funds to be awarded to evidence-informed programs that address health equity.

Summary

| Section | Description |
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| 1 | <p>Home visiting for pregnant women and families with young children.</p> <p>Adds § 145.87. Directs the commissioner of health to award grants to community health boards, nonprofit organizations, and tribal nations to start up or expand home visiting programs serving pregnant women and families with young children.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines terms for this section: evidence-based home visiting program, evidence-informed home visiting program, and health equity.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Grants for home visiting programs. Directs the commissioner of health to award grants to start up or expand home visiting programs serving pregnant women and families with young children. Requires home visits provided by these programs to be provided by early childhood professionals or health professionals. Requires grant funds to be used for evidence-based home visiting programs that address health equity, or evidence-informed home visiting programs that address health equity. Also requires these programs to serve families or pregnant women who are high risk or have high needs.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Grant prioritization. Directs the commissioner to give priority in awarding grants to programs seeking to expand home visiting services with community or regional partnerships, and requires at least 75 percent of grant funds to be allocated to evidence-based home visiting programs that address health equity and up to 25 percent to be allocated to evidence-informed home visiting programs that address health equity.</p> |

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| 2 | <p>Subd. 4. No supplanting of existing funds. Requires funds distributed under this section to supplement, and not supplant, existing funding for evidence-based or evidence-informed home visiting programs.</p> <p>Subd. 5. Administrative costs. Allows the commissioner to use up to 10 percent of the annual appropriation for training and technical assistance and to administer and evaluate the program, and allows the commissioner to contract for the performance of some of these activities.</p> <p>Appropriations. Appropriates \$23,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$41,600,000 in fiscal year 2021 from the general fund to the commissioner of health for grants for home visiting for pregnant women and families with young children.</p> |



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