



**Effective Date: November 21, 2025**

## **Purpose and Scope**

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance to the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS), Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), and Illinois Department of Early Childhood (IDEC) home visiting grantees who are interested in becoming Medicaid providers and billing for home visiting services. This includes home visiting grantees who have the doula enhancement and who are considering billing for doula services.

This guidance applies to all Illinois IDHS, ISBE, and future IDEC home visiting grantees, including MIECHV grantees.

**Home visiting programs, that do not receive state or federal dollars from IDHS, ISBE, or IDEC, are not subject to this guidance.**

NOTE: For Early Head Start/Head Start programs, please seek clarity from the Federal Office of Head Start before attempting to bill Medicaid for home visiting services.

## **Background**

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) has recently announced that home visiting services are now covered by Medicaid, for pregnant and parenting individuals enrolled in Medicaid, with children under the age of 5 enrolled in Medicaid. For more information, please see Illinois Medicaid State Plan Amendment [IL-24-0008.pdf](#) and the Provider Notice ([Provider Notice issued 11/21/2025](#)).

IDEC, IDHS, and ISBE express appreciation to HFS for making it possible to expand home visiting funding in this way.

## **Guidance**

**Medicaid funds cannot be used to support home visiting program and activities that are currently covered by IDHS, ISBE, and future IDEC home visiting grantees.** IDHS, ISBE, and IDEC home visiting grant funding must remain distinct and separate from Medicaid. State funded **home visiting grantees are not required to bill Medicaid.**

At this time, we do not yet have a mechanism in place to ensure that services are not inadvertently billed twice, which could create audit risks for both the grantee and the State. We are actively pursuing strategies to resolve this issue. In the meantime, **home visiting programs may not blend their IDHS, ISBE, or IDEC grant dollars by seeking with Medicaid reimbursement for services funded by ISBE, IDHS, or IDEC grants.**

Grant funds **may not** be used to cover any up-front costs that are expected to be reimbursed by Medicaid. Grant funds **may not** be used to pay for any portion of services that are billed to, or reimbursable by Medicaid. Grant funds **may not** be used to cover other expenses not covered by Medicaid, when the visits are billed to Medicaid.

**Home visiting programs, that do not receive state or federal dollars from IDHS, ISBE, or IDEC, can begin billing Medicaid for services as of November 21, 2025. If your agency is not able to implement home visiting or doula services separate from IDHS, ISBE, or IDEC grant funding, you should not bill Medicaid at this time.**