

#5: Home Visits

What is a Help Me Grow Home Visit?



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Response

- A *HMG Home Visit* is a location or method for service delivery which may be in the child's or family's place of residence or a community location acceptable to the family and is appropriate and conducive to completing required home visiting activities, including screening and assessments and parenting education.
- A home visit **must** include individualized face-to-face interaction that occurs between the family and Home Visitor.
- *Typically, a home visit occurs in the home, for a minimum of one (1) hour;*
 - *The parent and eligible child must be present.*
- The family or the home visitor may determine if a location other than the child's primary residence is suitable for conducting a home visit.
 - If home visits are not occurring in the family's home, the Home Visitor is responsible for ensuring that **all components** of the home visiting program, including all required tools, are completed. In order to maintain compliance with rule 3701-8-06.1(D) at least one visit with the family must occur in the primary residence of the parent and child.
 - If the home visit occurs at a location other than the home, the location and the reason must be documented in case notes.

Questions to Consider for Planning and Programming:

What activities do not meet the definition of a home visit?

- Home Visits shall not occur in a moving or parked vehicle.

What activities are not reimbursable as part of a home visit?

- Family to family support groups including play groups and/or groups that are required as part of maintaining fidelity to an evidence-based home visiting model are not reimbursable.
- Any time spent by the home visitor providing transportation for the family is not reimbursable. This includes transportation by the home visitor to doctor offices, court, service agencies and other appointments.
- Phone, text and/or e-mail communications between the home visitor and the family are not reimbursable.

Authorizing Rule:

- 3701-8-06.1

Refer to Memo 13-10: HMG HV GUIDANCE Reimbursement for Services for additional guidance on billable activities.