

Transmittal Letter to States  
Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program  
Supplemental Information Request

To State Grantees of the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program:

This letter transmits a Supplemental Information Request (SIR) for submission of an Updated State Plan for the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program. In the SIR, you will find information on all required components for submission of a successful Updated State Plan, as well as relevant resources that may be of assistance in developing these components. You soon will receive information about upcoming webinars addressing topical areas in the SIR as well as on technical assistance available for development of an Updated State Plan.

In developing your Updated State Plan, please be aware that although each State will continue to receive at least its FY2010 allocation in FY2011 through FY2015, HHS will also be awarding funds on a competitive basis beginning in FY2011. As noted in the July 23, 2010 Federal Register Notice on criteria for determining evidence of effectiveness of home visiting models, the competitive component will reflect States' capacity and commitment to improve child outcomes specified in the statute through improvements in service coordination and the implementation of home visiting programs with fidelity to high-quality, evidence-based models. HHS is committed to ensuring that the criteria for any competitive awards are transparent and will increase the likelihood that Federal funds will contribute to improved outcomes for at-risk children and families. HHS will ensure that notice of the competitive criteria for FY 2011 is provided prior to the due date for the Updated State Plan.

More information will be forthcoming regarding the disposition of the increase in the FY 2011 appropriation.

Please contact your Project Officer with any questions or concerns regarding the SIR or immediate technical assistance needs. We look forward to receiving your Updated State Plans and to your continued work in promoting the health and wellbeing of women, children, and families in your State.