

## **Subtitle B -- Emergency Assistance to Families through Home Visiting Programs Section-by-Section**

### **Section 9101.**

This section provides additional funding to federal home visiting programs and provides rules for its use.

### **Paragraph (a). Supplemental appropriation.**

This paragraph provides \$150 million to MIECHV-funded home visiting programs for specified purposes, to remain available for obligation through the end of fiscal year 2022.

### **Paragraph (b). Eligibility for funds.**

This paragraph specifies that to receive funding, entities must be operating a MIECHV home visiting program, consent to amendment of their existing grants or contracts, agree not to reduce staffing levels during the pandemic, and, if they choose to provide diapering supplies during the emergency, coordinate with diaper banks operating in their service areas, to the extent practicable.

### **Paragraph (c). Uses of funds.**

This paragraph lays out the allowable uses of the funds provided in paragraph (a).

Allowable uses include:

- Serving families with home visits, whether in person or virtually
- Staff costs associated with home visits (including hazard pay)
- Training for home visitors on virtual home visits, emergency preparedness, and domestic violence
- Helping enrolled families acquire technology needed to conduct a virtual home visit, including WiFi access or cell phone minutes
- Providing emergency supplies to enrolled families, including formula, food, water, hand soap and sanitizer, and diapers and diapering supplies
- Coordinating with and providing reimbursement to diaper banks when using them to provide emergency supplies
- Providing prepaid grocery cards to an eligible family