

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 115-123, div. E, title VI, § 50606(b), Feb. 9, 2018, 132 Stat. 231, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect on the date that is 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act [Feb. 9, 2018].”

## TRANSITION RULE

Pub. L. 117-328, div. FF, title VI, § 6101(h)(2), Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 5964, provided that:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—A virtual home visit conducted before the effective date of the amendments made by this subsection [Oct. 1, 2023] under an early childhood home visitation program funded under section 511 of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 711] shall be considered a home visit for purposes of such section.

“(B) VIRTUAL HOME VISIT DEFINED.—In subparagraph (A), the term ‘virtual home visit’ means a visit conducted solely by use of electronic information and telecommunications technologies.”

## ALLOWING HOME VISITING PROGRAMS TO CONTINUE SERVING FAMILIES SAFELY

Pub. L. 116-260, div. X, § 10, Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 2416, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of section 511 of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 711], during the COVID-19 public health emergency period—

“(1) a virtual home visit shall be considered a home visit;

“(2) funding for, and staffing levels of, a program conducted pursuant to such section shall not be reduced on account of reduced enrollment in the program; and

“(3) funds provided for such a program may be used—

“(A) to train home visitors in conducting a virtual home visit and in emergency preparedness and response planning for families served, and may include training on how to safely conduct intimate partner violence screenings remotely, training on safety and planning for families served;

“(B) for the acquisition by families enrolled in the program of such technological means as are needed to conduct and support a virtual home visit; and

“(C) to provide emergency supplies to families served, regardless of whether the provision of such supplies is within the scope of the approved program, such as diapers, formula, non-perishable food, water, hand soap, and hand sanitizer.

“(b) VIRTUAL HOME VISIT DEFINED.—In subsection (a), the term ‘virtual home visit’ means a home visit, as described in an applicable service delivery model, that is conducted solely by the use of electronic information and telecommunications technologies.

“(c) AUTHORITY TO DELAY DEADLINES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may extend the deadline by which a requirement of section 511 of the Social Security Act must be met, by such period of time as the Secretary deems appropriate, taking into consideration the impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency on eligible entity home visiting programs and the impact of families enrolled in home visiting programs. The Secretary may delay the deadline for submission, waive performance measures, or allow for alternative data sources to be used to show improvement in performance in the manner provided in section 511(d)(1) of such Act.

“(2) DELAY OF DEADLINE FOR STATEWIDE NEEDS ASSESSMENT.—The Secretary may delay the October 1, 2020, deadline for reviewing and updating any needs assessment required by section 511(b)(1) or 511(h)(2)(A) of the Social Security Act, but any such delay shall not affect the timing for, or amount of, any payment to the State involved from the fiscal year allotments available to the State under section 502(c) of such Act [42 U.S.C. 702(c)].

“(3) GUIDANCE.—The Secretary shall provide to eligible entities funded under section 511 of the Social

Security Act information on the parameters used in extending a deadline under paragraph (1) or (2) of this subsection.

“(d) TIMELY RELEASE OF TITLE V FUNDS.—The authorities provided in this section shall not be interpreted to authorize or require any delay in the timely release of funds under title V of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 701 et seq.].”

[For definitions of terms used in section 10 of div. X of Pub. L. 116-260, set out above, see section 2 of div. X of Pub. L. 116-260, set out as a note under section 629h of this title.]

**§ 711a. Emergency assistance to families through home visiting programs****(a) Supplemental appropriation**

In addition to amounts otherwise appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, there are appropriated to the Secretary \$150,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2022, to enable eligible entities to conduct programs in accordance with section 711 of this title and subsection (c) of this section.

**(b) Eligibility for funds**

To be eligible to receive funds made available by subsection (a) of this section, an entity shall—

(1) as of March 11, 2021, be conducting a program under section 711 of this title;

(2) ensure the modification of grants, contracts, and other agreements, as applicable, executed under section 711 of this title under which the program is conducted as are necessary to provide that, during the period that begins with March 11, 2021, and ends with the end of the 2nd succeeding fiscal year after the funds are awarded, the entity shall—

(A) not reduce funding for, or staffing levels of, the program on account of reduced enrollment in the program; and

(B) when using funds to provide emergency supplies to eligible families receiving grant services under section 711 of this title, ensure coordination with local diaper banks to the extent practicable; and

(3) reaffirm that, in conducting the program, the entity will focus on priority populations (as defined in section 711(d)(4) of this title).

**(c) Uses of funds**

An entity to which funds are provided under this section shall use the funds—

(1) to serve families with home visits or with virtual visits, that may be conducted by the use of electronic information and telecommunications technologies, in a service delivery model described in section 711(d)(3)(A) of this title;

(2) to pay hazard pay or other additional staff costs associated with providing home visits or administration for programs funded under section 711 of this title;

(3) to train home visitors employed by the entity in conducting a virtual home visit and in emergency preparedness and response planning for families served, and may include training on how to safely conduct intimate partner violence screenings, and training on safety and planning for families served to support the family outcome improvements listed in section 711(d)(2)(B) of this title;

(4) for the acquisition by families served by programs under section 711 of this title of such technological means as are needed to conduct and support a virtual home visit;

(5) to provide emergency supplies (such as diapers and diapering supplies including diaper wipes and diaper cream, necessary to ensure that a child using a diaper is properly cleaned and protected from diaper rash, formula, food, water, hand soap and hand sanitizer) to an eligible family (as defined in section 711(l)(2) of this title);

(6) to coordinate with and provide reimbursement for supplies to diaper banks when using such entities to provide emergency supplies specified in paragraph (5); or

(7) to provide prepaid grocery cards to an eligible family (as defined in section 711(l)(2) of this title) participating in the maternal, infant, and early childhood home visiting program under section 711 of this title for the purpose of enabling the family to meet the emergency needs of the family.

(Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title V, §511A, as added Pub. L. 117-2, title IX, §9101, Mar. 11, 2021, 135 Stat. 123; amended Pub. L. 117-328, div. FF, title VI, §6101(f)(2)(B), Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 5962.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2022—Subsec. (c)(5), (7). Pub. L. 117-328 substituted “section 711(l)(2)” for “section 711(k)(2)”.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2022 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 117-328 effective Oct. 1, 2022, see section 6101(i)(1) of Pub. L. 117-328, set out as a note under section 711 of this title.

##### EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 117-2, title IX, §9101, Mar. 11, 2021, 135 Stat. 123, provided in part that this section is effective 1 day after the date of enactment of this Act (Mar. 11, 2021).

### § 712. Services to individuals with a postpartum condition and their families

#### (a) In general

In addition to any other payments made under this subchapter to a State, the Secretary may make grants to eligible entities for projects for the establishment, operation, and coordination of effective and cost-efficient systems for the delivery of essential services to individuals with or at risk for postpartum conditions and their families.

#### (b) Certain activities

To the extent practicable and appropriate, the Secretary shall ensure that projects funded under subsection (a) provide education and services with respect to the diagnosis and management of postpartum conditions for individuals with or at risk for postpartum conditions and their families. The Secretary may allow such projects to include the following:

(1) Delivering or enhancing outpatient and home-based health and support services, including case management and comprehensive treatment services.

(2) Delivering or enhancing inpatient care management services that ensure the well-being of the mother and family and the future development of the infant.

(3) Improving the quality, availability, and organization of health care and support services (including transportation services, attendant care, homemaker services, day or respite care, and providing counseling on financial assistance and insurance).

(4) Providing education about postpartum conditions to promote earlier diagnosis and treatment. Such education may include—

(A) providing complete information on postpartum conditions, symptoms, methods of coping with the illness, and treatment resources; and

(B) in the case of a grantee that is a State, hospital, or birthing facility—

(i) providing education to new mothers and fathers, and other family members as appropriate, concerning postpartum conditions before new mothers leave the health facility; and

(ii) ensuring that training programs regarding such education are carried out at the health facility.

#### (c) Integration with other programs

To the extent practicable and appropriate, the Secretary may integrate the grant program under this section with other grant programs carried out by the Secretary, including the program under section 254b of this title.

#### (d) Requirements

The Secretary shall establish requirements for grants made under this section that include a limit on the amount of grants funds that may be used for administration, accounting, reporting, or program oversight functions and a requirement for each eligible entity that receives a grant to submit, for each grant period, a report to the Secretary that describes how grant funds were used during such period.

#### (e) Technical assistance

The Secretary may provide technical assistance to entities seeking a grant under this section in order to assist such entities in complying with the requirements of this section.

#### (f) Application of other provisions of subchapter

##### (1) In general

Except as provided in paragraph (2), the other provisions of this subchapter shall not apply to a grant made under this section.

##### (2) Exceptions

The following provisions of this subchapter shall apply to a grant made under this section to the same extent and in the same manner as such provisions apply to allotments made under section 702(c) of this title:

(A) Section 704(b)(6) of this title (relating to prohibition on payments to excluded individuals and entities).

(B) Section 704(c) of this title (relating to the use of funds for the purchase of technical assistance).

(C) Section 704(d) of this title (relating to a limitation on administrative expenditures).