



# LB1125 | Funding for Early Intervention Nurse Home Visiting Programs AMENDED TO LB1412 [AM2566]

## POLICY BRIEF 2024

### What Are Nurse Home Visiting Programs?

Evidence-based home visiting services support the well-being of families and promote the healthy physical, social and cognitive development of young children. Nurse home visiting programs pair families with trained healthcare professionals who tailor services to meet the specific needs of individual families. Participation in home visiting programs is voluntary and offered free of charge to families at risk.

Lincoln’s Family Connects program provides an example of the kinds of supports delivered by nurse home visiting programs. These services are offered to families beginning three weeks after a child’s birth:<sup>1</sup>

- ▶ Comprehensive health assessment of newborns
- ▶ Postpartum maternal health assessment
- ▶ Breastfeeding support
- ▶ Education/guidance on the needs of newborns and mothers
- ▶ Connecting families to a medical home and scheduling wellness visits
- ▶ Assistance in navigating other local services and resources

*“We know what outcomes taxpayers can expect from our investments in MIECHV because funding is only provided for models and interventions that have proven results... [MIECHV is] fact-based and evidence based, and I think it’s a model for other parts of government.”*

Representative Adrian Smith  
Nebraska 3rd Congressional District

### LB1125 (AM2566 to LB1412): Nurse Home Visiting Funding Appropriation (Sen. Anna Wishart)

As amended into LB1412, LB1125 appropriates \$500,000 from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for evidence-based early intervention nurse home visiting programs.

### About the Funding Source

The Nebraska Legislature created the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund (68-996) in 2020. This cash fund is comprised of funds that are returned to the state when a managed care entity:

- ▶ Earns profits that exceed contractor limitations, or
- ▶ Meets the minimum medical loss ratio

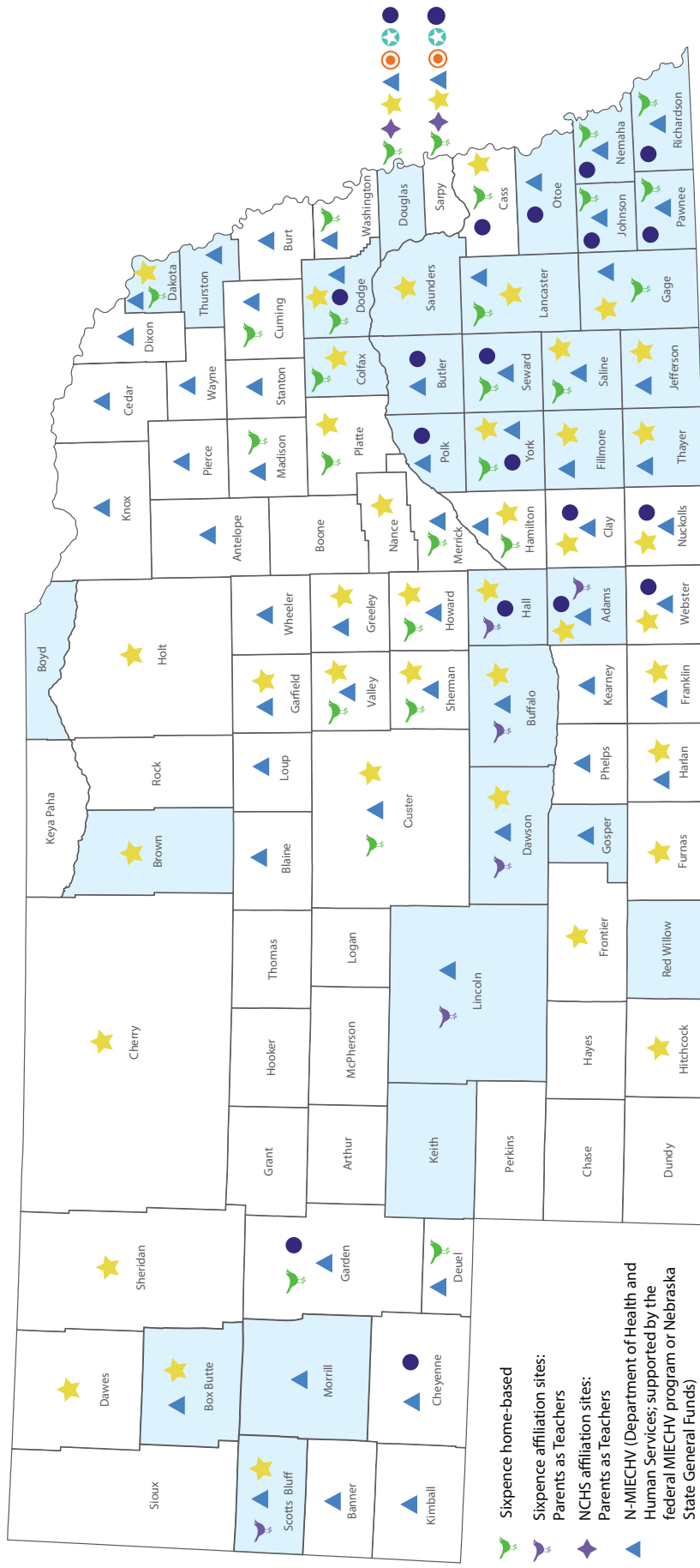
The intended use of these funds is to offset losses in the Medicaid program and address the needs of adults and children participating in Medicaid.

**Because the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund consists of state funds, they can be used to meet federal matching requirements, such as those associated with the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program.**

### Approximate matching amounts from the Congressional Research Office<sup>2</sup>

Year	Nebraska 25% Obligation	Federal 75% Obligation
2023	0	0
2024	\$258,726	\$776,000
2025	\$375,533	\$1,127,000
2026	\$563,300	\$1,690,000
2027	\$869,499	\$2,608,000

# Statewide Home Visiting Initiatives



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## Delivering Home Visiting Services in Nebraska

About 71% of Nebraska's 93 counties are served by home visiting initiatives, primarily through three key organizations/entities:

- N-MIECHV (Nebraska Maternal and Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting)
- Head Start/Early Head Start
- Nebraska Early Childhood Education Endowment Fund (Sixpence)

Nebraska ACA HV Statewide Needs Assessment (HRSA)

31 counties at highest risk for poor outcomes:

- child welfare
- education
- economics
- behaviors
- pregnancy outcomes
- health outcomes

<sup>1</sup> City of Lincoln Health Department. "Family Connects Home Visitation." <https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/Health-Department/CHS/Family-Connects-Home-Visitation>. Accessed 2/8/24

<sup>2</sup> Landers, P.A. (2022). *Estimates of Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program funding allocation under a draft reauthorization proposal*. Congressional Research Service.

