MIECHV Measure: Child Injury

Injuries are a leading cause of death for children in the U.S. Suffocation deaths are most common among infants <1 year old. Drowning deaths are most common among 1–4-year-olds. Everyone—including caregivers and family members—can take steps to prevent injury where children live, learn, and play. (CDC, Injuries Among Children and Teens).

Measure: Rate of injury-related visits to the Emergency Department (ED) during the reporting period among children enrolled in home visiting	
What to collect:	Information about any visits to the emergency department for the child, including date of visit and reason for visit.
For whom:	Children enrolled in MIECHV funded home visiting
When to ask:	This measure is assessed in multiple reporting years for all eligible children enrolled in home visiting. Recommendation is to ask at every home visit.

NOTE:

This measure evaluates the number of injury-related visits to the ED per enrolled child. Asking about medical visits at every home visit ensures that data on ED visits is accurate and up to date at the end of the reporting period or upon the family's exit. LIAs may also prioritize collecting this data near the end of the federal fiscal year (September 30th). If data collection occurs at the end of the year, make sure to ask the caregiver for the dates of all injury-related visits to the ED occurred per child during the reporting period, not just the most recent.

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Measure Production Details

Calculate: Percent who received injury-related ED visit

Numerator	Number of parent-reported nonfatal injury-related visits to the ED during the reporting period among children enrolled in home visiting
Denominator	Number of children enrolled in MIECHV-funded home visiting
Missing	Number of enrolled children missing date of birth or missing information on ED Visit date or reason for visit.

Required Data Elements:

☐ Child medical visit date
☐ Child medical visit type (Emergency Department)
☐ Child medical visit reason (injury, ingestion, poisoning)