

Next on Deck: Complying with the New Head Start Standards in Early 2025

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CAPLAW issued [Complying with the New Head Start Program Performance Standards in 2024](#) to help Community Action Agencies (CAAs) understand which of the new Head Start Program Performance Standards (HSPPS) require compliance before the end of the year. With 2025 fast approaching, CAAs with Head Start must now consider the following standard that becomes operative early in the new year, absent any changes from the new administration.

Building on the new requirement that Head Start programs track and record services received by enrolled pregnant people, starting February 18, 2025, programs must use that data to inform their services, as well as help reduce barriers to healthy maternal and birthing outcomes, including services that address disparities across racial and ethnic groups. 45 CFR § 1302.80(f). In [Supporting the Head Start Workforce and Consistent Quality Programming](#), the Office of Head Start (OHS) indicated that these requirements direct programs to use data to design services that are “culturally responsive and intended to prevent pregnancy-related deaths”. OHS Information Memorandum ACF-IM-HS-22-02, [Documenting Services to Enrolled Pregnant Women](#), helps clarify how programs can improve their data collection efforts.

OHS will begin monitoring the new requirements on August 21, 2025. Visit our [Complying with the New Head Start Performance Standards](#) resource for CAPLAW’s updates on the HSPPS. Future resources on requirements with compliance dates in mid-2025 and beyond, e.g., program attendance and staff salaries and benefits, will live in the resource.

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