

Allegheny County Department of Human Services

## Hello Baby and Child Welfare Status Policy 09/01/2020

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## Policy

Just like all parents, a parent with a new baby who also has an active Allegheny County child welfare case may opt out of either

- (1) having their eligibility determined for Hello Baby Priority Services, and/or
- (2) receiving Hello Baby services despite being eligible

Opting out, refusing, or dropping out of the Hello Baby program will not impact a family's child welfare case or status. Hello Baby services are not mandated. All parents have the right to refuse or accept Hello Baby services.

## **Related Documents**

- Collaboration between Hello Baby and the Office of Children, Youth and Families (CYF)
- Hello Baby Predictive Risk Model Policy: Use of and Access to the Model Score