

PA PQC

Pennsylvania Perinatal Quality Collaborative

PA PQC Virtual Session

January 23, 2025

Milestone #1: Learning Session Attendance

- For quarterly awards and designations program purposes, attendance at learning sessions is counted at the *hospital level*.
- The PA PQC internal team counts attendance from the zoom meeting report, so please be sure that your zoom name is correct so we can get an accurate list.
- If there are *multiple people in the room with you*, please use the chat box to list participants, so we can be sure to give you credit for attendance.
- If this is your first time attending a PA PQC learning session, please share your name, title, and organization in the chat so we can get to know you!

Agenda

1. **Welcome** – Sara Nelis, RN, Project Manager, Jewish Healthcare Foundation
2. **PA Maternal Health Policy Updates** – Carolyn Byrnes, MPH, CPH, Policy Director, Jewish Healthcare Foundation
3. **PA PQC 2025 Plans** – Sara Nelis, RN
4. **QI Peer-to-Peer Sharing: Designations Project Progress** – *Trinity Health St. Mary Medical Center*: Elizabeth Buck, BSN, RNC-OB, c-EFM, Perinatal Clinical Education Specialist, presenting on Sepsis Health Equity Project
3. **Wrap-up & Next Steps** – Sara Nelis, RN

PA Maternal Health Policy Updates

CAROLYN BYRNES, MPH, CPH

Maternal Health Policy in Pennsylvania 2024 Roundup

Carolyn Byrnes, MPH, CPH
Policy Director
Jewish Healthcare Foundation

Agenda



State Legislation



State Budget



Government Reports
and Recommendations



How to stay informed
and get involved

Signed into Law
Passed the House

State Legislation, 2023-24

- **PA Omnibus**: A package of legislation introduced by the Black Maternal Health Caucus to address the rate of black maternal mortality and morbidity in the Commonwealth.
 - **HB1608, Medicaid Reimbursement for Doulas**
 - HB 1618, Private Insurance coverage for Doulas
 - **HB 2097, Medicaid coverage of Blood Pressure Monitors**
 - **HB 2138, Private Insurance coverage of Blood Pressure Monitors**
 - **HB 2127, Perinatal and postpartum mood and anxiety disorder awareness campaign**
 - HB 2136, Maternal Care Access Program to address maternity care deserts
 - **HB 2137, Maternal and Newborn Supply Kits**
 - HB 2178, Require continuing education on implicit bias for all state licensed health professionals
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Additional State Legislation, 2023-24

- [SB 1262](#), Midwifery Modernization
 - [SB 580](#) and [HB 181](#), The Family Care Act establishing the Family and Medical Leave Program and the Family and Medical Leave Fund
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NOTICES

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Addition of Doula Services to the Medicaid State Plan and Medical Assistance Program Fee Schedule

[54 Pa.B. 8204]
[Saturday, December 14, 2024]

The Department of Human Services (Department) announces the addition of doula services to the Medical Assistance (MA) Program Fee Schedule and submits a State Plan Amendment to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to add doula services to the Commonwealth's Medicaid State Plan.

Doulas are nonmedical, trained professionals who provide emotional, physical and informational support and guidance during the perinatal period with the goal of improving health outcomes for pregnant and postpartum individuals and their infants. Certification from the Pennsylvania Certification Board as a Certified Perinatal Doula is required for Doulas to enroll in the MA Program.

In accordance with 55 Pa. Code § 1150.61(a) (relating to guidelines for fee schedule changes), the Department announces the addition of the following procedure codes to the MA Program Fee Schedule. The table also identifies the accompanying modifiers, MA fees, MA Fee Schedule limits and effective dates for the procedure codes.

Procedure Code	Modifier	Service Description	MA Fee	Effective Date	Limits
T1032	U7	Doula Services (Prenatal visit)	\$100	01/01/25	Combined limit of 12 visits per calendar year
T1032	U8	Doula Services (Postpartum visit)	\$100	01/01/25	
T1032	U9	Doula Services (Other services—fertility and preconception counseling, pregnancy loss, infant loss or termination of pregnancy)	\$175	01/01/25	2 total "other services" per calendar year
T1033		Labor and Delivery	\$1,000	01/01/25	Limit one per pregnancy

The Department will issue an MA Bulletin to inform providers enrolled in the MA Program of the addition of doula services to the MA Program and how to bill for the provision of doula services.

Fiscal Impact

The estimated fiscal impact of the addition of doula services for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 is \$1.400 million in total funds (\$0.461 million in State funds). The estimated fiscal impact of the addition of doula services for FY 2026-2027 is \$8.500 million in total funds (\$2.579 million in State funds).

Public Comment

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the addition of doula services and the procedure codes being added to the MA Program Fee Schedule to the Department of Human Services, Office of Medical Assistance Programs, c/o Regulations Coordinator, P.O. Box 2675, Harrisburg, PA 17120 or to RA-PWMAProgComments@pa.gov. Comments received within 30 days will be reviewed and considered for any subsequent revision to the MA Program

MA Doula Coverage Effective Jan 1, 2025

2024-25 State Budget

- **Maternal Mortality Prevention:** An allocation of \$4.9 million, marking a \$2.6 million increase from previous funding, was designated to initiatives aimed at understanding and reducing maternal mortality rates.
- **Rural Hospitals - Obstetric and Neonatal Services:** An additional \$7 million is dedicated to services for pregnant and postpartum individuals and newborns, ensuring better health outcomes.

* Governor Shapiro will deliver his budget address for the 2025-26 proposed state budget in early February

Reports

- Published in 2024 (and early 2025)
 - [Pennsylvania Maternal Mortality Review Annual Report, 2020](#) (April 2024)
 - [Severe Maternal Morbidity in Pennsylvania, 2016-2022](#) (April 2024)
 - [2024 March of Dimes Report Card, Pennsylvania](#) (October 2024)
 - [HAP's Action Plan for Maternal Health](#) (Jan 2025)
- Expected publications in 2025
 - Pennsylvania's Maternal Health Action Plan
 - Pennsylvania Maternal Mortality Review Annual Report, 2021

Stay Informed

- [Subscribe to Black Maternal Health Caucus Emails](#)
- Sign Up for Department Updates:
 - Department of Health: [Newsletters and Resource Emails](#)
 - Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs: [Email updates](#)
 - Department of Human Services: [Email updates](#)
- Contact your professional association to find out how they engage in policy work (ACOG, ACNM, AWHONN, etc.)
 - Ex. Join the Pennsylvania Midwifery Forward Coalition through [PA ACNM](#)

Thank you!

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PA PQC 2025 Plans

SARA NELIS, RN

Active Implementation: Year 2



Sepsis in Obstetrical
Care

ODU & NAS

- Current format is going into sustainment for 2025
- New programming coming in 2026





Safe Sleep

Sustaining 2025-26

Sustainment

- One year period following the active implementation
- The PA PQC will not be actively providing services and content related to sustaining initiatives
- Your team **CAN** continue implementing new interventions independently
- Coaching and support during this time is focused on sustainability of key interventions that have been implemented to date
- Yes! You are **STILL** considered a participating PA PQC hospital!

Active vs. Sustained Initiatives

ACTIVE IMPLEMENTATION

Quarterly Awards

Designations

Education Content

QI Coaching Calls

Quarterly Data, Survey and QI Reports

SUSTAINMENT

No Quarterly Awards

Not Part of Designations Program

Sustainment Check-Ins & Initiative Non-Specific Virtual Sessions

Sustainment Plans

Quarterly Data and Surveys



Sustainment Plans

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PA PQC OUD: Sustainability Plan

Compliance Monitoring of key process measures:

1. Percentage of pregnant individuals screened for substance use with a validated screen
2. Percentage of pregnant individuals diagnosed with OUD at any time of pregnancy
3. Percentage of pregnant and postpartum individuals diagnosed with OUD who initiate Medication for Opioid Use Disorders (MOUD)
4. Percentage of individuals diagnosed with OUD receiving postpartum care
5. Percentage of pregnant individuals with a positive substance use screen who received an appropriate follow-up action for alcohol or other drug use
6. Percentage of postpartum individuals with a positive substance use screen who received an appropriate follow-up action for alcohol and other drug use
7. Percent of pregnant and postpartum individuals with SUD who received or were prescribed Naloxone prior to delivery discharge

Measures will be collected **QUARTERLY** in LifeQI

Will you continue to track additional data internally? Yes No

Name and email address of team member(s) in charge of data reporting (include name and contact for a backup person/role): _____

How often will your QI team meet to review hospital data reports and develop and implement PDSA cycles if compliance on measures starts to slip?:
 Weekly Monthly Quarterly Other

New Hire Education Plan (applicable for all new hires)
 What education tool(s) will you use for new hires?

How will you incorporate OUD education, workflows, and protocols into hospital new hire education?

Ongoing Education for all providers and nurses
 What education tool(s) will you use for ongoing education for all nurses and providers?

How will you incorporate OUD education, workflows, and protocols into ongoing education?

Nursing Champion(s): _____ Provider Champion(s): _____
 Drafted Date: _____ Quarterly Review Dates: _____

1/1/2024/1/2024

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PA PQC NAS: Sustainability Plan

Compliance Monitoring of key process measures:

1. Median hospital lengths of stay for newborns with NAS
2. Median hospital lengths of stay for newborns with NAS who only received non-pharm treatment
3. Median hospital length of stay for newborns with NAS who received pharmacologic treatment
4. Percent of newborns with NAS who are treated with a non-pharmacologic bundle
5. Percent of newborns with NAS who receive pharmacologic treatment
6. Percent of newborns with NAS who were referred to appropriate follow-up at discharge
7. Percent of NAS who were readmitted to the hospital within 30 days of discharge
8. Percent of NAS with an emergency department visit within 30 days of discharge

Measures will be collected **QUARTERLY** in LifeQI

Will you continue to track additional data internally? Yes No

Name and email address of team member(s) in charge of data reporting (include name and contact for a backup person/role): _____

How often will your QI team meet to review hospital data reports and develop and implement PDSA cycles if compliance on measures starts to slip?:
 Weekly Monthly Quarterly Other

New Hire Education Plan (applicable for all new hires)
 What education tool(s) will you use for new hires?

How will you incorporate NAS education, workflows, and protocols into hospital new hire education?

Ongoing Education for all providers and nurses
 What education tool(s) will you use for ongoing education for all nurses and providers?

How will you incorporate NAS education, workflows, and protocols into ongoing education?

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PA PQC Safe Sleep: Sustainability Plan

Compliance Monitoring of key process measures:

1. Proportion of inpatient staff educated on safe sleep in the previous year
2. Proportion of outpatient staff educated on safe sleep in the previous year
3. Proportion of clinical staff educated on motivational interviewing in the previous year
4. Percentage of patients with a delivery in the month that received safe sleep education prenatally

Measures will be collected **QUARTERLY** in LifeQI

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 What education tool(s) will you use for new hires?

How will you incorporate Safe Sleep education, workflows, and protocols into hospital new hire education?

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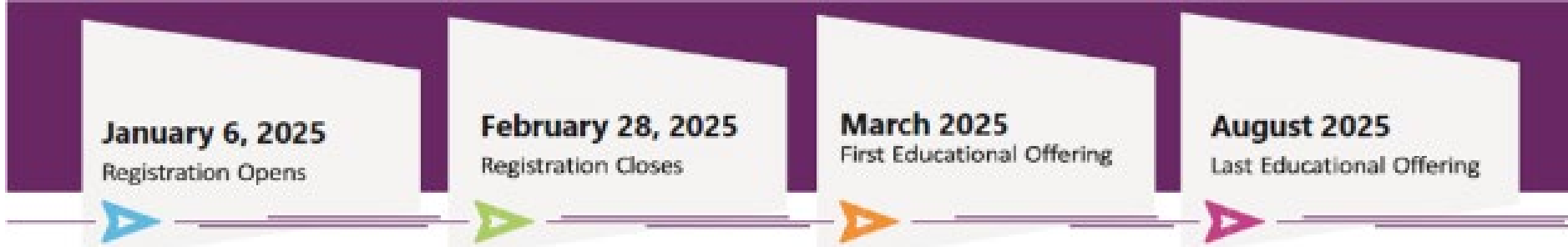
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Hospital Name: _____

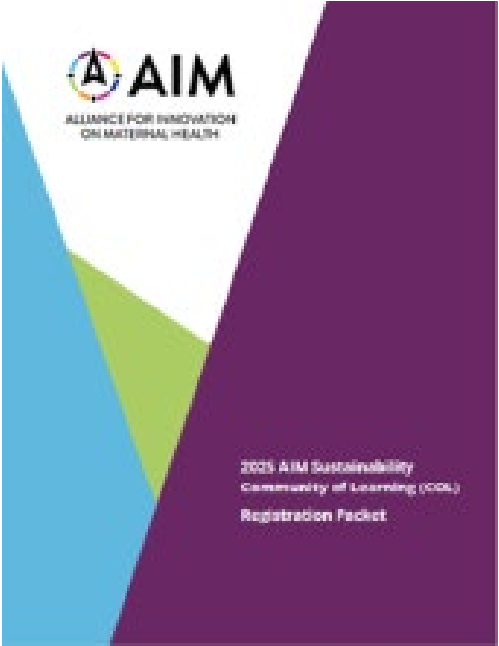


ALLIANCE FOR INNOVATION
ON MATERNAL HEALTH

2025 AIM Sustainability Community of Learning



Educational Offering Title	Tentative Month
Planning for Quality Improvement (QI) with Sustainability in Mind	March 2025
Sustainability Champions: Engaging Stakeholders in Sustainability Success	April 2025
Maintaining Changes in Practice and Processes through Staff Support, Training, and Collaboration	May 2025
Sustaining the Gains Amidst Changes in Policy and the Healthcare Landscape	June 2025
Strategic Resource Management: Ensuring Sustainability in Healthcare Implementation	July 2025
Data Driven Strategies for Monitoring Sustainability	August 2025

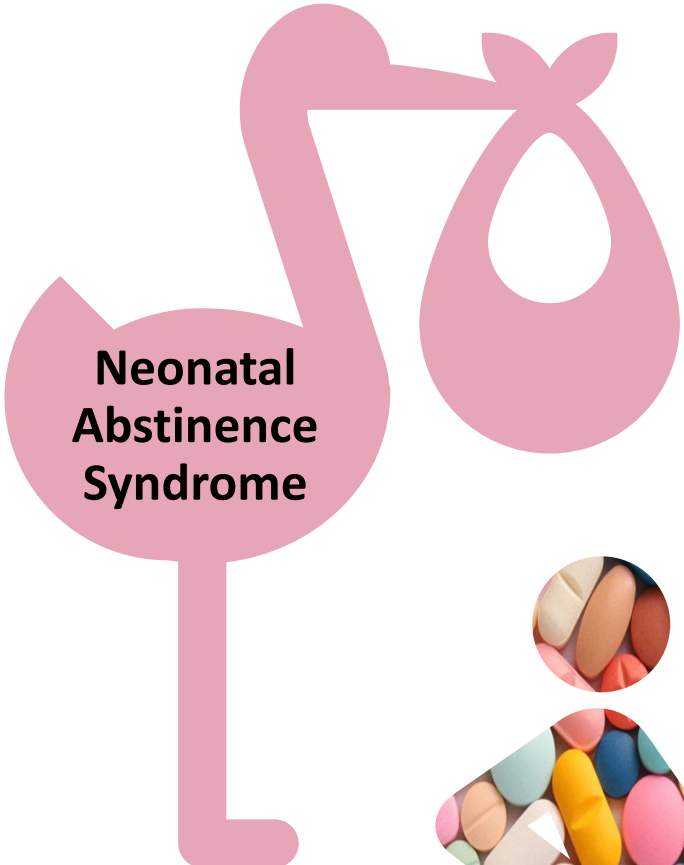


PA PQC Sustainment Check-Ins

July 16

October 22

December 11



Designations 2025

2024-25 POST-SURVEY

February 28 – Survey Opens

March 31 – Submissions Due

April 30 – PA PQC Will Reach Out With Specific Questions, As Needed

May 9 – Answers to Clarifying Question(s) Due

2025-26 PRE-SURVEY

May 19 – Survey Opens

June 13 – Submissions Due

July 11 – PA PQC Will Reach Out With Additional Information Requests

July 25 - All Revision Submissions Due



Questions?



Trinity Health
Mid-Atlantic

St. Mary
Medical Center

Maternal Sepsis Awareness Quality Improvement Project

**Trinity Health Mid-Atlantic: St. Mary Medical Center, Langhorne
In Collaboration With
Pennsylvania Perinatal Quality Collaborative**

THMA: SMMC Maternal Sepsis
Collaborative
December 11, 2024

Wrap-Up

SARA NELIS

Quarterly Milestones Due This Month!

	Activity Completed During the Quarter, and Turned in by End of Month
Milestone 1*	Depending on which learning sessions are offered during a particular calendar quarter, attend at least one learning opportunity
Milestone 2	Submit an initiative-specific Quality Improvement (QI) Report Out , showing work related to implementing Key Intervention(s), through the Life QI Data Portal
Milestone 3	Complete initiative-specific PA PQC quarterly survey
Milestone 4	Submit initiative-specific aggregated data for the PA PQC process and outcome measure(s) through the Life QI Data Portal
Milestone 5*	Communicate and celebrate your team's impact in the PA PQC within your hospital and community

*milestone only needs to be completed once per hospital per quarter, regardless of # of initiatives

Upcoming Virtual Sessions

FEBRUARY 27

Health Equity in Sepsis Prevention

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Zoom

MARCH 20

Dangers of Universal Urine Drug Testing

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Zoom



Focus Areas for April 2024-March 2025

Maternal Opioid Use Disorder, Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome, Maternal Sepsis, Safe Sleep. Each focus area includes strategies and goals to reduce racial/ethnic disparities.

Learn about the
Initiatives

Access Session
Materials

<https://www.papqc.org/>

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Thank You!



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