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**Quality Improvement Program - New Jersey
(QIP-NJ) Announcements & Updates**

Dear QIP-NJ Program Participants,

The Department of Health (DOH) encourages hospitals and other interested parties to review this newsletter to help ensure your teams stay up-to-date on important news and announcements regarding QIP-NJ. As always, all newsletters will be posted to the QIP-NJ Documents & Resources webpage within approximately one week of distribution. If you have any questions, concerns, or to unsubscribe from this newsletter, please email QIP-NJ@pcqus.com. Thank you!

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DOH Corner

We hope these last days of summer find you well! We are now approximately eight months into Measurement Year (MY) 4 of QIP-NJ, which began in January and will run through the end of the year. DOH continues to appreciate all the time, effort, and resources that participating hospitals are putting into the program and looks forward to seeing continued quality improvement for both the maternal health and BH populations.

As always, should participating hospitals have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the QIP-NJ team via email at QIP-NJ@pcqus.com.

Learning Collaborative Updates

Register for Learning Session 1!

The SDOHLC Learning Session 1 (LS1) will take place on **September 25 and 26, 2024 from 10AM to 1PM EST each day!**

SDOH experts, fellow SDOHLC participants, and community-based organizations in New Jersey will share their insights and innovative approaches to creating sustainable change during LS1. By collaborating and actively participating in each event, you can learn how best practices can be implemented in your own hospital's setting!

Participants can register for the learning session [here](#).

Event	QIP-NJ SDOHLC Learning Session 1
Date & Time	September 25 & September 26, 2024, 10AM to 1PM EST each day
Registration	https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYtc-yvrz4rG9VucwdxS2XiH0dnm2xSw2YN#/registration

LS1 Storyboard Template Now Available!

The SDOHLC LS1 [storyboard template](#) is available on the [Learning Collaborative page](#) of the QIP-NJ website and in the [SDOHLC portal](#). On day 1 of LS1, there will be a time allotted to review each team's storyboard submission in breakout groups. Each participating team will be expected to

give a 7–8-minute storyboard presentation, with an additional 2-3 minutes for questions.

Creating and submitting a storyboard will help both your peers and the SDOHLC team understand the changes your team plans to implement to achieve the SDOHLC goal.

All submitted storyboards will be posted to the SDOHLC portal after the session. **Please submit a complete storyboard (as a PowerPoint file) to QIP-NJ@pcqus.com as soon as possible. The final submission deadline for LS1 storyboards is September 18 at 12PM EST.** If your team needs assistance in completing this request, our team would be happy to help.

Measurement Strategy and Data Collection Webinar Materials

The SDOHLC faculty held Measurement Strategy and Data Collection Webinar on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, from 12PM to 1PM EST. You can find the materials from the meeting below, and on the SDOHLC Program Materials page of the SDOHLC portal:

- [Recording](#)
- [Slides](#)

Feel free to review the materials alongside the [Change Package](#), [Measurement Strategy](#), and [Pre-work Handbook](#).

Availability of SDOHLC Portal

The SDOHLC portal is now available to all registered hospitals' team leaders and team members listed in each submitted Participation Interest Form! The portal is a centralized location for all SDOHLC program materials and resources:

- **Resources:** This page contains resources shared by the SDOHLC faculty to support program success. This includes a wide range of materials, including best practice guides, training modules, and research articles. All resources are curated to support your efforts in addressing social determinants of health effectively.
- **Program Materials:** Find all the program materials for the collaborative. This includes the final Change Package, Measurement Strategies, and other key documents essential for participation.
- **Participant Communications:** This page will house the SDOHLC program update archive, and a team leader directory.

- **Event Calendar:** Keep track of the dates and times for all upcoming learning sessions, coaching calls, and other collaborative events.
- **Coaching:** This page will list the recordings and slide decks from each coaching call during the Action Period. After Learning Session #1, teams will be able to schedule 1:1 calls with the SDOHLC faculty team here on this page to discuss implementing SDOH strategies, tackling challenges related to participation, and sharing wins and best practices.

To set up your account and log onto the [SDOHLC portal](#), use the “Forgot Password” feature on the log-in page of the portal. After typing in your email, you should receive an email from noreply@pcgus.com with a temporary password. After logging in with the temporary password, but before logging into the portal, you should be prompted to update your password. Following this, you should gain full access to the portal.

If your team has already submitted a Participation Interest Form but would like to include additional members of their team in the portal, please reach out to QIP-NJ@pcgus.com.

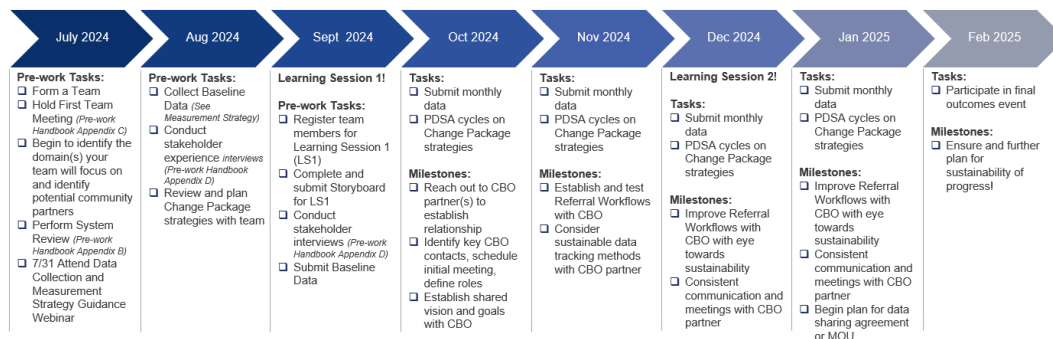
Updated Collaborative Sprint Timeline

The updated timeline below outlines key milestones and activities over the course of the SDOHLC. This image is also included in the Measurement Strategy.

SDOHLC Tasks and Relationship Building Roadmap



*Adapted from Oaks Integrated Care "Building Effective Relationships with Community Partners- Key Steps from the Field" presentation from the QIP-NJ Behavioral Health Learning Collaborative in 2021 (Session Recording Available for SDOHLC Participants Upon Request).



The summer months are focused on pre-work and preparing teams for success. Teams should start working through the September tasks. In September, teams should:

- **Register for Learning Session 1:** Ensure your team is registered for the upcoming Learning Session, which is crucial for setting up your team for success in the SDOHLC.
- **Complete pre-Action Period tasks:** Complete the materials in the Pre-work Handbook and the LS1 storyboard template. These tools will help your team clearly outline strengths and opportunities for improvement in the SDOHLC domains.
- **Review the data collection form:** Review the form to understand the format of the data that will be collected during the SDOHLC and have a full understanding of how to track improvements. Utilize the Measurement Strategy as a reference for identifying key metrics and ensuring accurate data submission.

MY3 Non-Claims Based (NCB) Patient-Level Reports Results to be Released

The Department is in the process of reviewing MY3 NCB measure performance for QIP-NJ. Results in the form of Patient Level Reports (PLRs) will be made available next month in each hospital's MY3 SFTP folder.

Along with the announcement of NCB PLRs, QIP-NJ will share published NCB appeals guidance.

MY3 Claims-based (MMIS) PLRs Released

As of August 15, 2024, MY3-participating hospitals could access MY3 claims-based PLRs in their hospital-specific DOH Materials folder in the QIP-NJ [SFTP](#). Hospitals may use the PLRs to help inform their population health improvement programs and targeted quality initiatives, as well as any appeals which were due.

If your hospital submitted claims-based appeal but did not notify QIP-NJ@pcgus.com or receive a response confirming receipt of the appeal, you must contact the QIP-NJ Team as soon as possible to confirm receipt.

Now Available: MY4 Draft Databook and VSC Documents

QIP-NJ has posted draft versions of the [Databook v4.0](#) and its [Value Set Compendium \(VSC\) v4.0](#). Both documents can be found on the QIP-NJ website under [Documents and Resources](#).

Other State Initiatives and Programs

- The **Ancient Song Give Away** is a monthly event where caregivers can receive free diapers, wipes, and baby essentials. The next giveaway is on September 21st, from 10 AM to 2 PM, at 50 Church St., Montclair, NJ 07402, on the 1st floor. These events recur every 3rd Saturday of the month.



- **Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics (ALSO)** training is an evidence-based training used by birthing providers and interprofessional maternity care teams to handle obstetric emergencies. NJ DOH encourages teams to look into the components of the training. You can find more information on the training program [here](#).
- **Alma Program for Southern Jersey Hospitals: Nurture NJ** has announced the availability of the Alma Program, a free, evidence-based, peer-to-peer mentoring program designed to help make the parenting journey a little easier. The program connects expecting mothers and recently postpartum moms experiencing feelings of depression, anxiety, and stress with trained professionals that have

faced similar challenges. Through weekly meetings, participants receive support and share skills that have the potential to make a big difference as they step into a new chapter in their lives.

The Alma program is currently offered in South Jersey but has plans to expand to Central and North Jersey later this year. To learn more about the Alma Program, to enroll, or to refer a mom, visit www.snjpc.org/alma.

- The **Nurture NJ Strategic Plan**, which aims to make NJ the safest and most equitable place in the national to deliver and raise a baby. Please check the [Nurture NJ website](#) for more information and to discover new ways to become engaged.
- The **NJ Maternal Care Quality Collaborative (NJMCQC)** aims to achieve a significant and sustained improvement in overall maternal and infant morbidity and mortality rates statewide. The last meeting was held on June 25th. The next meeting will be held on September 24th. Additional information, including meeting materials, will be published on the [NJMCQC website](#), so please continue to check back regularly. For additional information about the NJMCQC, please also feel free to email the team at doh-mcqc@doh.nj.gov.
- Funded by DOH, **NJ Quit Centers** provide residents of New Jersey with resources and support to stop or reduce their use of tobacco including e-cigarettes, disposables, pouches, and other related products. Quit Centers can and do play an integral role in helping clinical facilities meet their goal of advancing statewide quality improvements for BH under QIP-NJ Measure BH8: Substance Use Screening and Intervention Composite. More information regarding Quit Centers, including contact information for the Inspira Quit Center and RWJ Barnabas Health Institute for Prevention and Recovery (IFPR) Nicotine and Tobacco Recovery Program, can be found here: <https://www.tobaccofreenj.com/quit-smoking>.
- **DHS' Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS)**, which serves as the Single State Agency (SSA) for Substance Abuse and the State Mental Health Authority (SMHA), as designated by the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

(SAMHSA), also oversees NJ's adult system of community-based BH services. Please [check DMHAS' website](#) for more information and discover new ways to become engaged.

- **DHS' Episode of Care (EOC) Pilot** is a three-year pilot to test a new alternative payment model for prenatal, labor, and postpartum services statewide. More information regarding the EOC Pilot can be found on DHS' [website](#) at the link below. Performance Period 1 (15 months) of the EOC Pilot ran from April 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Performance Period 2 (12 months) ran from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Performance Period 3 (12 months) began on July 1, 2024 and will run through June 30, 2025. For more information about the EOC Pilot, please visit DHS' website at: [Episode of Care Pilot \(nj.gov\)](#). For questions, please send an email to the DHS team at mahs.maternityepisode@dhs.nj.gov.

