



July 2023

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@pcgus.com. Thank you!

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DOH Corner

QIP-NJ is now approximately seven months into MY 3, 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 QIP-NJ and looks forward to seeing continued quality improvement for both the maternal health and BH populations.

As described in greater detail later in this newsletter, DOH reminds hospitals that all MY 2 non-claims-based (NCB) data submissions are due no later than 5:00 PM on August 1, 2023. Hospitals should submit all data via their Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) and send notice to QIP-NJ@pcgus.com upon submission of final MY 2 NCB data.

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

Update: QIP-NJ MLC

August Group Coaching Call

The QIP-NJ MLC August Group Coaching Call will take place Tuesday, August 29, 2023, from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM EST. The topic of the session is **To Be Determined**.

Please register in advance for this meeting:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMoc-yhpzwtGtaZXCfV3wRxN_eiJ6lunCVz

After registering for the meeting, our team recommends adding the e-invitation to your calendar from the confirmation page. Please email QIP-NJ@pcgus.com if you have any questions before the session.

Data Submission Reminder

This is a reminder that the MLC data report for the month of June is requested by **5:00 PM EST on Tuesday, August 15, 2023**. The de-identified data that hospitals submit will be used in the MLC Action Period monthly coaching sessions. Hospital teams can submit the monthly data [here](#), and find a PDF version of the form [here](#).

Learning Session #3 Open Planning Call

The Learning Session #3 Open Planning Call took place on July 11, 2023, from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM EST. During the session, the MLC team got direct input on what the MLC participants would like to see at the next coaching call. You can find the materials from the session listed below, and on the Coaching page for the MLC portal:

- [Learning Session #3 Open Planning Call Slides](#)
- [Learning Session #3 Open Planning Call Recording](#)

July Group Coaching Call Materials

The July Group Coaching Call took place on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM EST and the topic was identifying inequities in MLC data. At the beginning of the call, the QIP-NJ team was pleased to share a brief video message from NJ First Lady Tammy Murphy who shared her excitement and enthusiasm for MLC participants. You can find the materials from the session listed below, and on the Coaching page for the MLC portal:

- [July Group Coaching Call Slides](#)
- [July Group Coaching Call Recording](#)

QIP-NJ MLC Schedule*

Action Period #2	February 2023 to August 2023
August Coaching Call	August 29, 2023, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
Action Period #3	September 2023 to October 2023
Learning Session #3	September 26 & 27 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
October Coaching Call	October 31, 2023, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
Celebration Event	December 1, 2023, 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

* Please note that all times are EST.

MY 2 Data Submission Guidance

IMPORTANT REMINDER

All NCB data submissions are due no later than 5:00 pm EST on August 1, 2023. Hospitals should submit all data via their SFTP and send notice to QIP-NJ@pcgus.com upon submission of final data.

A reminder to teams that QIP-NJ has posted version 2.3 of the following resources:

- [Standard Reporting Template \(SRT\) for training measures M10 and BH12](#)
- [SRT for all other measures](#)
- [SRT Guide](#)
- [MY2 Databook](#)
- [MY2 Value Set Compendium](#)

Slides from the MY2 Data Submission webinar held on May 10, 2023, can be found [here](#).

Allow-listing Mailchimp for QIP-NJ Communications

The QIP-NJ team has recently started using Mailchimp for QIP-NJ outreach—which will enable more targeted communications to participating hospitals’ stakeholders. While most of our participating hospitals have been able to receive QIP-NJ emails, some have not due to firewall rules. Please note that Mailchimp is being used only for cohort-wide QIP-NJ communications. To that end, individual, hospital-specific communications and high-priority communications will continue to be provided via direct emails or the SFTP site, as appropriate.

At the end of August, the QIP-NJ team will resume outreach to hospitals that have not opened recent communications to request that affected hospitals work with their IT/security teams to “allowlist” (aka “whitelist”) communications that are sent from QIP-NJ via Mailchimp. The QIP-NJ team will continue to review permissions with affected hospitals to ensure all pertinent correspondence is received. More information about this process can be found [here](#).

Other State Initiatives and Programs

- 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 most recent public meeting was held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023. Meeting materials are available on the [NJMCQC website](#). The next public meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2023. Additional information 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 behavioral health 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 Periods 2 and 3 (each 12 months) began on July 1, 2023 and will run through June 30, 2024, and July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, respectively. 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.
- **The Rutgers Maternal Health Innovation (MHI) ECHO** is a new, collaborative educational series for providers, clinicians, and community members who provide care, support, and services to pregnant individuals across the state. The MHI sessions are being held on select Tuesdays from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM EST and will run through September 2023. Additionally, MHI educational ECHO series participants can earn free continuing education credits (CME, CNE, and Social Work), which will be processed at the conclusion of the series. You can find more information on the ECHO [here](#) and on their [website](#). For questions, you can reach out to the Program Administrator, Amy Fisher, via email at amy.fisher1@rutgers.edu.