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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@pcgus.com. Thank you!

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DOH Corner

We are now approximately seven months into MY4 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 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 MY3 non-claims based (NCB) data submissions are due no later than 5:00 PM on August 7, 2024. Hospitals should submit all data via their Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) and send notice to QIP-NJ@pcgus.com upon submission of MY3 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.

Learning Collaborative Updates

Register for the Measurement Strategy and Data Collection Webinar on July 31, 2024 at 12PM EST

The Social Determinants of Health Learning Collaborative (SDOHL) faculty will hold the Measurement Strategy and Data Collection Webinar to go over the Collaborative Measurement Strategy and best practices when applying it to your hospital's workflows. Please come with questions about the SDOHL measures and learn about the data collection survey, data submission process, and supportive resources to help teams build run charts to track data. The webinar will take place **next week, on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, from 12PM to 1PM EST.**

The objectives of the session are to:

- Ensure teams can accurately interpret the four core measures and understand how to tailor them to support their collaborative activities effectively.
- Equip teams with the knowledge to successfully report the required data elements, including how to access and utilize the data collection form.

Participants can register and submit topics or questions they would like to review at the session [HERE!](#)

Final Versions of SDOHLC Measurement Strategy & Change Package Available on QIP-NJ Website

The SDOHLC faculty is excited to share the final versions of the Collaborative [Change Package](#), [Measurement Strategy](#), and [Pre-work Handbook](#)! Aside from the updated Key Driver Diagram, no content was updated from the previous versions of each document. You can find the materials hyperlinked, and on the [Learning Collaborative page](#) of the QIP-NJ website. These resources will provide the framework guidelines and performance metrics to monitor progress towards the AIM statement.

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@pcqus.com.

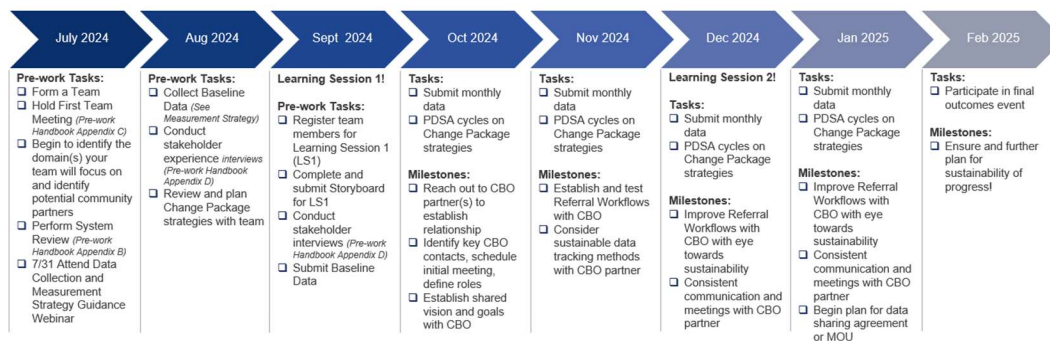
Updated Collaborative Sprint Timeline

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 be working through the July tasks. In August, teams should prepare to:

- Collect baseline data:** Collecting baseline data will help create a starting point for tracking your hospital's improvement during the SDOHLC. The [Measurement Strategy](#) should be used as a resource to articulate your team's approach to identifying key metrics.
- Conduct stakeholder interviews:** Engage your staff and patients/family representatives to explore your system's current strengths and opportunities. Appendix D in the [Pre-Work Handbook](#) can be used as a guide to facilitate the interviews.
- Review and plan [Change Package](#) strategies with team:** Familiarize your team with the SDOHLC program materials and how the strategies can be applied to your hospital's workflows The SDOHLC faculty

encourages teams to build off of what was discussed at the team kickoff team call in July.

These activities will support teams in completing the SDOHLC Learning Session #1 storyboards! More details around where to find and submit the storyboard template will be shared in future SDOHLC communications.

MY3 Data Submission Guidance

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

All MY3 Non-Claims Based data submissions are due no later than 5:00 pm EST on August 7, 2024. Hospitals must submit all data via their SFTP and email QIP-NJ@pcgus.com to notify the QIP-NJ team that they have submitted their files and confirm receipt.

We encourage teams to test their access to the SFTP and notify QIP-NJ@pcgus.com ASAP if any login difficulties are encountered.

Current documents to consult for MY3 reporting compliance:

- [Standard Reporting Template \(SRT\) v3.1](#)
- [SRT v3.1 for BH12 and M010 reporting](#)
- [SRT Guidance Document v3.2](#)
- [Measurement Specifications and Submission Databook v3.2](#)
- [Value Set Compendium \(VSC\) v3.3 – see Change Log](#)

Slides from the MY3 Data Submission webinar held on May 23, 2024, can be found [here](#).

Please note: The QIP-NJ website will also maintain the redlined versions of SRT Guidance Document v3.1 and Databook v3.1 as well so that hospitals can more easily review updates for MY3 reporting across all documents.

MY3 Claims-based Patient Level Reports (PLRs) Release in Mid-August

The QIP-NJ Team estimates that MY3 Claims-based PLRs will be available by August 15, 2024. MY3 participating hospitals will be able to find details on their MY3 claims-based performance in their hospital-specific Inbound folder in the QIP-NJ [SFTP](#). Each hospital will receive summary measure results

and PLRs for all claims-based measures. Hospitals can use the PLRs to help inform their population health improvement programs and targeted quality initiatives, as well as any appeals.

To initiate the claims-based measure appeals process, hospitals must submit all necessary documentation using the DOH-provided template via the QIP-NJ [SFTP](#). Appeals submission guidance and forms will be posted to the QIP-NJ website in early August and with the release of the PLRs.

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 July 27th, from 11 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.

