



June 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@pcqus.com. Thank you!

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DOH Corner

QIP-NJ is now approximately six 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 highlighted later in this newsletter, please note that DOH, in partnership with PCG, recently updated MY 2 BH attribution rosters and statewide totals, which was required due to a hospital closure late last year. Accordingly, to ensure patients were properly reassigned to other hospitals in compliance with QIP-NJ's attribution methodology, as approved by CMS, DOH re-ran BH attribution and reissued final attribution rosters to only impacted hospitals. Please note that the

overall impact of the re-run to most impacted hospitals is very small, as a result, DOH does not anticipate any downstream impacts to other QIP-NJ activities or timelines.

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

MLC Dashboard: May Data and new NJ Patient Story are Live!

The MLC Dashboard has been updated with the hospital-submitted May 2023 data! All teams should review the dashboard to view their own performance and the performance of the Collaborative group overall.

As a reminder, you can log onto the Tableau dashboard in the MLC Participant Portal, under the “Participant Materials” tab drop down menu. All MLC Team Leaders, or their requested designee, were given Tableau log-in credentials. Your feedback and questions regarding the dashboard are always welcome and can be directed to QIP-NJ@pcgus.com.

Learning Session #3 Open Planning Call

The MLC team is holding the Learning Session #3 Open Planning Call on July 11, from 12:00PM to 1:00PM EST. This new session is for the MLC team to get direct input on what the MLC participants would like to see at the next coaching call. MLC participants can register for the session [here](#).

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 Monday, July 17, 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](#).

June Group Coaching Call Materials

The June Group Coaching Call took place on Tuesday, June 27th, 2023 from 12:00PM to 1:00PM EST. The topic of this session was discharge education and tools, and included a presentation from Valley Hospital and Trish Suplee, PhD, Associate Professor of Nursing at Rutgers University. You can find the materials from the session listed below, and on the Coaching page for the MLC portal:

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

You can also find Dr. Suplee’s resource, the Emergency Department Stop Sign, on the [Resources page](#) of the MLC portal as well.

QIP-NJ MLC Schedule*

Action Period #2	February 2023 to August 2023
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July Coaching Call	July 25, 2023, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
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

The non-claims-based data submission window for MY2 data is currently open and submissions are due on August 1, 2023.

A reminder to teams that QIP-NJ 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](#)
- [Databook](#)

Slides from the MY2 Data Submission webinar held on 5/10/2023 can be found [here](#).

MY 2 Attribution Reports – Updates for BH Rosters and Statewide Total

At the end of last month, the QIP-NJ team shared draft hospital attribution rosters. Following clarification of hospital eligibility for MY2 for the BH component of QIP-NJ due to a recent hospital closure, the QIP-NJ team has placed updated BH rosters in hospitals' Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) folders. The updated rosters will also include two additional tabs that specifically indicate if any individuals were added/removed. Additionally, the QIP-NJ team has placed an updated MY2 statewide BH attribution total in each hospital's SFTP to enable hospitals to estimate eligible payments for MY2.

As noted above, not every hospital was impacted by these adjustments and for those hospitals that were impacted, the net impact to the majority was very small. Program Leads at each MY2 BH-participating hospital team were sent an email on 6/23 regarding these updates.

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 that contain sensitive information (such as

Protected Health Information) will continue to be provided via direct emails or the SFTP site, as appropriate.

At the end of May, the QIP-NJ team began reaching out 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 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 began on April 1, 2022 and will run through June 30, 2023. Performance Periods 2 and 3 (each 12 months) will run from July 1, 2023 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.