



June 2024

**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 six months into MY4 of QIP-NJ, which began in January and will run through the end of the year. As we look forward, 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 behavioral health (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 that submit data by 5:00 PM on July 1, 2024, will receive a one-time validation check. 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

SDOHLC Kick-Off Webinar Materials

The SDOHLC kicked off with the Pre-work Conference on June 26, 2024, from 12PM EST to 1PM EST! Attendees of the kick-off call:

- Reviewed the SDOHLC goals in NJ's current care delivery context
- Were offered support in executing pre-work tasks.
- Prepared for Learning Session #1 in September, date TBA

The recording and slide deck from the session are available on the [Learning Collaborative page](#) of the QIP-NJ website.

Updated Change Package & Measurement Strategy Available

The SDOHLC faculty is excited to share updated versions of the collaborative [Change Package](#) and [Measurement Strategy](#)! You can find the updated versions of 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.

Upcoming Availability of the Social Determinants of Health Learning Collaborative (SDOHLC) Portal

The SDOHLC portal will soon be available to all registered hospitals' team leaders and team members listed in each team's submitted Participation Interest Form! The portal will be 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
- **Program Materials:** Find all the program materials for the collaborative. This includes the updated Change Package, Measurement Strategies, and other key documents essential for participation.
- **Participant Communications:** This page will house the SDOHLC program update archive, the Listserv participation guidelines, and a team leader directory.
- **Event Calendar:** Keep track of all upcoming learning sessions, coaching calls, and other collaborative events.
- **Coaching:** Schedule a 1:1 call with the SDOHLC faculty team here to discuss implementing SDOH strategies, tackling challenges related to participation, and sharing wins and best practices.

Save the Date: Measurement Strategy & Data Collection Webinar

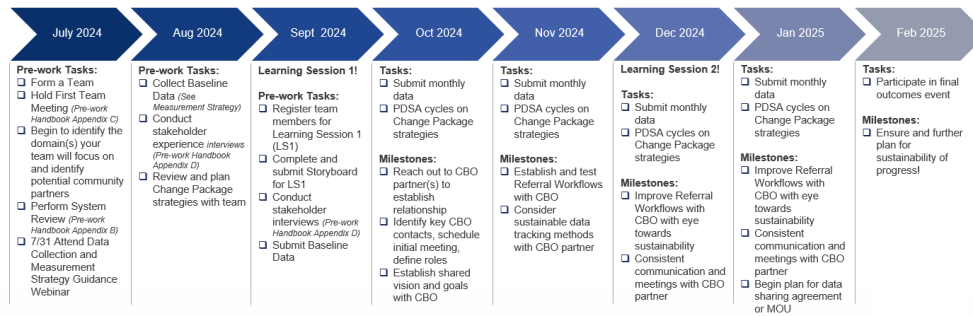
The SDOHLC faculty will hold the Measurement Strategy and Data Collection Webinar to go over the Collaborative Measurement Strategy and best practices when applying it to your hospital's workflows. Please come with questions about the SDOHLC measures and learn about the data collection survey, data submission process, and supportive resources to help teams build run charts to track data. The webinar will take place on **Wednesday, July 31, 2024, from 12PM to 1PM EST**. Participants can register and submit topics or questions they would like to review at the session [here!](#)

Tentative SDOHLC Timeline

SDOHLIC 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 2023 (Session Recording Available for SDOHLIC Participants Upon Request).



The June kick-off and summer months are focused on pre-work and preparing teams for success. The learning and coaching sessions will begin in September.

MY3 Data Submission Guidance

The non-claims-based data submission window for MY3 data is currently open and final submissions are due on August 7, 2024, at 5PM EST.

Requests for data validation are due by July 1, 2024, at 5PM EST. Hospitals should email QIP-NJ@pcqus.com to notify the QIP-NJ team if they have submitted a data validation request and confirm receipt.

During the MY3 Data Submission Best Practices Webinar and Guidance session held on May 23, 2024, the QIP-NJ Team reviewed best practices, the estimated timeline, and FAQs in advance of MY3 reporting. The slides can be found [here](#).

The current documents to consult for MY3 reporting compliance are:

- 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

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 Attribution Reports and Non-Claims-Based Data Reporting

At the beginning of the month, the QIP-NJ team shared MY3 Attribution Reports via hospitals' SFTPs. As reviewed at the MY3 Data Submission Webinar, these retrospective reports are used to assign Medicaid Managed Care (MMC) enrolled individuals to each hospital for inclusion in performance calculation.

Additionally, hospitals will find a letter containing the statewide total number of MMC-enrolled individuals attributed for the behavioral health (BH) and maternal health components of QIP-NJ for MY3. This information is provided to all participating hospitals to assist hospitals with estimating their share of total attribution for MY3.

Other State Initiatives and Programs

- **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.tobaccofreej.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) began on July 1, 2023 and will run through June 30, 2024. Performance Period 3 (12 months) will run from July 1, 2024 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.

