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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 six months into MY5 of QIP-NJ, which began in January and will run through the end of the year. As a reminder, please carefully review the MY4 data submission guidance below and take note of the final submission due date and the one-time data validation due date.

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.

Reminder to Check SFTP Credentials

Authorized SFTP users should verify SFTP access/connectivity at least two weeks before submission/review deadlines. Please email QIP-NJ@pcgus.com with any requests for password resets.

MY4 Data Submission Guidance

The non-claims-based data submission window for MY4 data is currently open and final submissions are due on **August 6, 2025, at 5PM EST**.

Requests for one-time data validation checks are due **July 3, 2025, at 5PM EST**, however, hospitals are encouraged to submit their validation request ASAP to ensure adequate time for review. **Hospitals must email QIP-NJ@pcgus.com to notify the QIP-NJ team if they have submitted a data validation request and confirm receipt.**

The current documents to consult and download for MY4 reporting compliance are:

- [Standard Reporting Template \(SRT\) v4](#)
- [SRT v4 for BH12 and M010](#)
- [SRT Guidance Document v4](#)
- [Measurement Specifications and Submission Databook v4.1](#)
- [Value Set Compendium \(VSC\) v4.1](#)

Please note: The QIP-NJ website will also maintain the redlined versions of SRT Guidance Document v3.2 and Databook v3.2 as well so that hospitals can more easily review updates for MY4 reporting across all documents.

MY4 Data Submission Best Practices Webinar Feedback

Thank you to the hospital teams and other individuals who attended the MY4 Data Submission Best Practices Webinar and Guidance session held on May 29th 2025. During the session, the QIP-NJ Team reviewed best practices, the estimated timeline for data submission, and FAQs in advance of MY4 reporting. The slides can be found [here](#).

MY4 Attribution Rosters

At the beginning of the month, the QIP-NJ team shared MY4 Attribution Rosters via hospitals' SFTPs. As reviewed at the MY4 Data Submission Webinar, and as described in greater detail in the QIP-NJ Governing Document and Databook, these retrospective reports are used to assign Medicaid Managed Care (MMC) enrolled individuals to each hospital for inclusion in performance calculation for MY4.

The QIP-NJ team and DOH observed a decrease from MY3 to MY4 in advance of releasing rosters. The key driver of the decreases was overall declining MMC enrollment, beginning in late 2023 and continuing through the end of 2024. The methodology used for attribution was otherwise consistent year-over-year.

Hospitals will also find a letter containing the statewide total number of MMC-enrolled individuals attributed for the behavioral health and maternal health components of QIP-NJ for MY4.

Tableau Dashboard Updated

The [QIP-NJ Tableau Dashboard](#) has been updated. Authorized license holders can navigate there to see MY3 Results and MY4 targets for their hospital and, as applicable, hospital members of their healthcare system.

Other State Initiatives and Programs

- The **Maternal Mortality & Morbidity Advocates (MoMMAs Voices) team has created a comprehensive resource hub**. This hub includes valuable information from healthcare systems, Perinatal Quality Collaboratives (PQCs), non-profits, and quality improvement initiatives to support maternal health efforts. Teams can find resources on national and local SUD support, as well as information on opioid, alcohol, cannabis, tobacco, and stimulant use. It also covers best practices for screening and reporting, along with patient education and advocacy. You can access the hub [here](#).
- The **CDC's Million Hearts® Hypertension in Pregnancy Action Forum (HPAF)** is a national collaborative for clinical, public health, and community-based partners to exchange best and promising practices, identify solutions to common obstacles, and share resources related to improving hypertension management for women during and after pregnancy. This program has ongoing forum sessions that can promote new knowledge and share best practices nationally. Additionally, the program website has some resources that QIP-NJ maternal health teams might find useful, including resources for treating hypertension in the prenatal period and some resources for postpartum blood pressure monitoring.
- 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 19th, 2025, 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 **New Jersey Maternal Health Innovation Authority (NJMIHIA)** is governed by a 15-member Board and an appointed President and Chief Executive Officer and support staff. The Board will adopt recommendations for action to reduce maternal mortality, morbidity, and disparities. The Board also coordinates with a Community Advisory Committee to support and inform its work. The 11-member Community Advisory Committee will represent diverse community groups with relevant experience as providers or recipients of maternal, infant, and child health services.
 - NJMIHIA's meetings are open to the public and the last meeting was held on June 25th from 10am to 12pm ET. Additional information, including meeting materials, will be published on the [NJMIHIA website](#), so please continue to check back regularly. For additional information about the NJMIHIA, please feel free to email the team at info@njmihia.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.

