



**May 2025**

**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](mailto:QIP-NJ@pcgus.com). Thank you!

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## DOH Corner

We are now approximately five months into MY 5 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 always, should participating hospitals have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the QIP-NJ Team via email at [QIP-NJ@pcgus.com](mailto:QIP-NJ@pcgus.com).

## Learning Collaborative Updates

### **NOW AVAILABLE: Final Outcomes Call Materials**

The SDOH Learning Collaborative (SDOHLCL) Final Outcomes Call was on May 28, 2025! During the call, the SDOHLCL faculty

- reviewed the final outcomes survey results
- recapped the SDOHLCL dashboard to show the progress teams have made related to the SDOHLCL measures since Learning Session 1
- shared the SDOHLCL highlight video

The materials from the session are hyperlinked below and are available on the Program Materials page of the SDOHLCL portal:

- [Recording](#)  
Highlight Video **1:55**  
Data Recap **8:52**  
Hospital Spotlight: Bergen New Bridge Medical Center **22:54**  
Final Outcomes Survey Responses **32:04**  
Hospital Spotlight: Atlantic Health System & CentraState Medical Center **35:46**  
Chat Waterfall: What drives you to continue this work? **38:39**
- [Slides](#)
- [SDOHLCL Highlight Video](#) (also available on the Learning Collaborative page of the QIP-NJ website)

### **The SDOHLCL Dashboard Will Be Available Until May 2026**

The SDOHLCL dashboard has been updated to reflect all data submissions from September 2024 to April 2025. The dashboard will be available for up to

one year after the conclusion of the SDOHLC. Teams may find it helpful to review the following materials when planning how to sustain data collection efforts after the SDOHLC:

- July 31, 2024 data submission webinar materials (July 31, 2024 [recording](#) and [slides](#))
- Collaborative Measurement Review, Dak Ojuka and Christina Southey (45:32 in LS1 Day 2 [recording](#))
- Learning Session 2 Measurement Session, Dak Ojuka and Christina Southey (42:04 in the LS2 Day 2 [recording](#))
- Learning Session 3 QI & Sustainability session ([recording](#))

If teams have any questions about the dashboard, please reach out to the SDOHLC faculty at [QIP-NJ@pcgus.com](mailto:QIP-NJ@pcgus.com).

### **MY4 Data Submission Best Practices Webinar Feedback and Updated Guidance**

Thank you to the hospital teams and other individuals who attended the MY4 Data Submission Best Practices Webinar and Guidance session held on May 29<sup>th</sup> 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](#).

As a reminder the current documents to consult for reporting compliance are:

- Standard Reporting Template (SRT) v4
- SRT v4 for BH12 and M010
- SRT Guidance Document v4
- Measurement Specifications and Submissions Databook v4.1
- Value Set Compendium (VSC) v4.1

### **MY4 Attribution Reports and Non-Claims-Based Data Reporting**

Hospitals can expect to receive MY4 Attribution Reports in early June. 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.

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 MY4. This information will be placed on hospitals' SFTP folders and is provided to all participating hospitals to assist hospitals with estimating their share of total attribution for MY4.

Accordingly, with the release of MY4 Attribution Reports, the Non-Claims-Based (NCB) data submission window is open, and **NCB submissions are due by August 5, 2025.**

### **MY4 and MY5 Databook, SRT, and VSC Updates**

The MY4 Databook, Standard Reporting Template (SRT) and SRT Guide, and Value Set Compendium (VSC) are currently posted on the QIP-NJ [website](#). These documents will be necessary for MY4 reporting later this year.

MY5 draft versions of the Databook and VSC have also been published to the QIP-NJ website. Those will be required for MY5 reporting. For all these updates, the QIP-NJ Team recommends reviewing the change logs of each as a starting point.

## 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 June 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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)** has transitioned to the **New Jersey Maternal Health Innovation Authority (NJMIHIA)**. Please visit their [website](#) for updates and additional information. The 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 from the NJMCQC. 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 May 30 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](mailto: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](mailto:mahs.maternityepisode@dhs.nj.gov).



