

Maternal Learning Collaborative (MLC) Information Sheet

Quality Improvement Program – New Jersey (QIP-NJ)

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The contents of this Information Sheet are for New Jersey acute care hospitals participating in QIP-NJ. The Information Sheet provides an overview of the MLC design.



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WHAT IS THE QIP-NJ MATERNAL LEARNING COLLABORATIVE?

To support hospitals in their effort to improve care for New Jersey's maternal health population, the New Jersey Department of Health (DOH), in partnership with Public Consulting Group (PCG), has designed a data-driven Maternal Learning Collaborative (MLC). The MLC is based on a proven model from the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, called the Breakthrough Series (BTS) Collaborative. Success within QIP-NJ will require a multi-faceted approach involving the entire system of maternal health care; therefore, the Collaborative will target hospital maternal health units and emergency department (EDs) as priority settings to test changes for improvements in care processes and outcomes for the maternal Medicaid population.

The aim of the MLC: By December 31st, 2023, improve by 15% the rate of severe hypertension (SHTN) episodes treated with a first line agent within 30-60 minutes among birthing people ≥ 20 weeks GA-7 days postpartum receiving care at New Jersey acute care hospital inpatient maternity units and EDs.

WHY PARTICIPATE IN THE MLC?

- Support to meet performance targets on some QIP-NJ pay-for-performance measures.
- Personalized coaching for frontline care team and hospital leadership from state and national clinical and improvement experts in the field.
- Increased quality improvement capacity across team members.
- Access to a peer learning network.
- Continuing professional education credits.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

DOH strongly encourages New Jersey acute care hospitals to participate in the MLC, which DOH believes will assist participating hospitals with achieving performance targets, sharing knowledge and best practices across hospitals to drive systemic changes, and supporting overall improvement in maternal outcomes for New Jersey's Medicaid population. Hospitals interested in participating in the MLC must complete a *Participation Interest Form* by end of day on August 26th, 2022. The *Form will be completed via a Qualtrics survey, and the link can be found at <https://qip-nj.nj.gov/Home/lc>.*

All interested hospitals will be considered for participation. Questions and requests for additional information may be sent to: qip-nj@pcgus.com.

THE MLC SCHEDULE

Information Session #1	June 28, 2022, 12PM – 1PM EST
Information Session #2	August 9, 2022, 11AM – 12PM EST
Submit Participation Interest Form	August 26, 2022
Pre-Work and Coaching Webinar	September 13, 2022, 12PM – 1PM EST
Learning Session #1	October 4, 2022 – October 5, 2022, 1PM – 4PM EST
Action Period #1 and one-on-one (1:1) coaching	October 2022 - January 2023
Learning Session #2	January 31, 2023 – February 1, 2023, 1PM – 4PM EST
Action Period #2 and 1:1 coaching	February 2023 - May 2023
Learning Session #3	June 20, 2023 – June 21, 2023, 1PM – 4PM EST
Action Period #3 and 1:1 coaching	June - September 2023

THE MLC DESIGN

Key characteristics of the MLC will include:

- Voluntary participation by health systems and project teams.
- Peer-to-peer learning (“all teach, all learn”).
- Real time data collection, regular data review and reporting.
- Implementation of rapid cycle, small tests of change through Plan, Do, Study, Act (PDSA) cycles.
- Personalized coaching from improvement advisors.

The MLC will focus on inpatient maternity units and EDs as priority settings to test changes for improvements in maternal care processes and outcomes for the New Jersey’s Medicaid maternity population. An Expert Panel was convened by DOH and partners to develop a quality improvement toolkit, a resource for participating teams referred to as the *Change Package*. The *Change Package* is a set of evidence-based strategies to be tested, adapted, and implemented locally by each participating hospital team.

Learning Sessions:

There will be three Learning Sessions throughout the course of the MLC. Teams will gain new knowledge from state and national experts on clinical practices, building community partnerships, and improving outcomes while addressing racial & ethnic disparities in SHTN. Learning Sessions will also include engagement activities where teams can work together to apply their new knowledge and build action plans for improvement while interacting with expert faculty. The MLC will feature special sessions to support maternal health and ED leadership in their effort to advance their team’s improvement work. Learning Sessions will consist of plenary presentations, workshops, storyboard rounding/presentations, and team development sessions.

Action Periods:

Between Learning Sessions, teams in the MLC will enter an Action Period. During Action Periods, teams test changes in practice and discover how to apply or adapt best practices to their local environment with support. Action Periods consist of the following support structures:

- Pework Webinar: Improvement advisors will lead a prework webinar to prepare teams for successful participation in Learning Session #1 and the MLC.
- Monthly Data Reporting: The MLC leadership team will provide data collection guidance and templates.
- Ongoing Coaching: Hospital teams will participate in facilitated coaching sessions with peers and receive 1:1 support from improvement advisors on a variety of key topics related to the MLC aim. Participating teams will be expected to participate by presenting their successes or challenges and/or providing advice and feedback to other teams. The data collected each month from all teams will be anonymized and used during these coaching sessions to guide discussion.

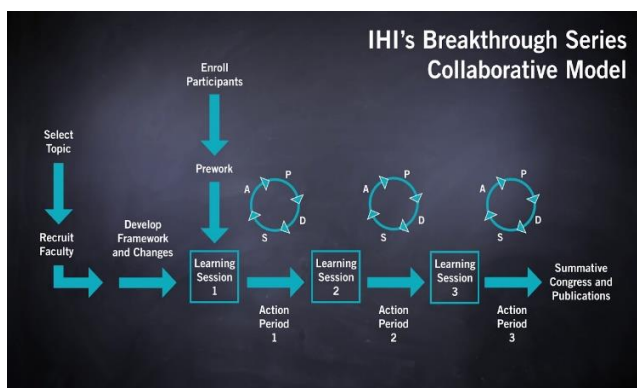


Figure 1. A visual representation of the IHI's BTS Collaborative model