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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 nine months into MY5 of QIP-NJ, which began in January and will run through the end of the year. As described in greater detail later in this newsletter, NCB PLR results were made available to participating hospitals via the SFTP. Please carefully review the NCB appeals guidance and deadline.

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.

MY4 Non-Claims Based (NCB) Patient-Level Reports Results Released and Appeals Window Open

As of October 1, 2025, MY4-participating hospitals can access their MY4 non-claims-based Performance Learning Reports (PLRs) in the hospital-specific DOH Materials folder on the QIP-NJ SFTP.

The release of the NCB PLRs initiates the appeals window, which will close on October 15, 2025 at 5:00 PM EST. The MY4 appeals workbook and guidance are available under the Participants and Stakeholders tab on the QIP-NJ website.

If your hospital submitted non-claims-based appeal but did not notify QIP-NJ@pcgus.com or receive a response confirming receipt of the appeal, you must contact the QIP-NJ Team as soon as possible.

Please ensure that all MY4 data submission files are saved in the following folder path: **[Hospital Name] > [Hospital Name] Submissions > MY4*

This is essential for maintaining folder organization and ensuring official submissions are reviewed for calculation. Only the files submitted in this folder will be evaluated.

MY4 Claims-based (MMIS) Measure Appeals Under Review

DOH is currently reviewing claims-based measure appeals. Hospitals can anticipate final calculated values next month.

As a reminder, for both claims-based and NCB measures, only reporting and computational errors are appealable. Disputes related to CMS and DOH-approved QIP-NJ protocols, including, but not limited to, program policy, formula designs, or statewide targets, are not appealable and such requests will not be adjudicated.

MY4 Guidance Documents

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](#)
- [MY4 Claims-based Measures Appeals Guidance](#)
- [MY4 Claims-based Measures Appeals Workbook](#)

MY5 Provider IDs and NPIs Verification

Whereas MY5 is currently contemplated to be the final MY of QIP-NJ, hospitals will not be expected to submit a Letter of Intent this fall. However, to support the MY5 data calculation process, hospital Program Leads will be expected to confirm Provider IDs and NPIs. Program Leads will be contacted this fall for this information.

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 October 18, 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 September 24, 2025 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) ran from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Program Performance Period 4 (12 months) will run from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. 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.

