



As an action arm of the PA Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC), the PA PQC supports perinatal care teams in adopting key interventions to achieve collective aims.

After stakeholders across Pennsylvania stood up the PA PQC in April 2019, hospitals experienced a collective impact with funding from PA DDAP and the Henry L. Hillman Foundation: a 56% increase in the number of hospitals using validated substance use screens, a 52% increase in the number of hospitals using clinical order sets for maternal OUD, and a 37% increase in the number of hospitals using non-pharmacological protocols for NAS.

CMS' Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Programs' [Maternal Morbidity Structural Measure](#) is based on PQC participation. This measure is also connected to CMS' "Birthing-Friendly" designation.

2022 Focus Areas

Multi-disciplinary teams, with representatives from the inpatient/outpatient settings and community, can join PA PQC initiatives by registering at the hospital-level.

- [Maternal Substance Use](#)
- [Substance-Exposed Newborns](#)
- [Moving on Maternal Depression](#)
- [Immediate Postpartum LARC](#)
- [Severe Hypertension](#) (*affiliated with the ACOG Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health, AIM*)

If you are working to improve care for these topics, the PA PQC is here to support you. Learn more and join at www.whamglobal.org/pa-pqc-initiatives. Over 50 hospitals, representing 81% of live births, and 14 health plans are involved.

How the PA PQC Supports Your Team

- Provides guidance on forming and structuring teams and quality improvement
- Organizes quarterly [Learning Sessions](#) and trainings to adopt key interventions
- Organizes [Virtual Meetings](#) for peer-to-peer learning, collaborating with hospitals across PA
- Forms statewide workgroups to gain consensus on key interventions, measures, and policies
- Vets and creates [resources and toolkits](#)
- Provides feedback on structural, process, and outcome [measures](#) compared to state averages
- Provides [Quality Improvement Awards](#) for recognition and financial support

How to Get Involved

- Find out if your hospital is part of the PA PQC: <https://www.whamglobal.org/pa-pqc-hospitals>
- Learn about and support your hospital's PA PQC Champions and team (e.g., ask your administrative and provider leaders about the PA PQC initiatives)
- Talk with your colleagues about the PA PQC, its impact, and how to get involved
- Join PA PQC Work Groups as a Subject Matter Expert