

MEASURE HIGHLIGHT

Electronic Clinical Data Systems (ECDS): Everything You Need to Know

The ECDS measure supports the allowance of data exchange from provider Electronic Health Records to Partnership in order to capture clinical screenings, follow-up care and outcomes. ECDS participation is a vital component of furthering the quality of care for covered Partnership members. Partnership has partnered with DataLink (a qualified HEDIS data aggregator) who has the ability to pull a much larger scope of measures than what is currently required for the Perinatal QIP. As NCQA continues to convert most hybrid measures to ECDS measures in the coming years, and DHCS continues to make Partnership accountable for several ECDS measures, the ECDS process will continue to increase in emphasis and could potentially become a gateway measure to the Perinatal QIP.



Incentives

Incentives may be earned by completing the following ECDS requirements by the end of the measurement year. NOTE: Incentives are paid at the Parent Organization (PO) level.

1. POs with signed DataLink agreements **by September 30, 2024** earned a **\$2,000** incentive. However, there is still time to earn **\$1,000** by signing an agreement with DataLink to allow the extraction of HEDIS data **by December 31, 2024**.
2. An additional **\$3,000** per PO when DataLink receives HEDIS data abstraction successfully from EMR **by October 31, 2024** and the PO responds timely to request for verification.

Note: The ECDS measure is also included in the PCP QIP. If your PO participates in both the PCP and Perinatal QIP, your PO will only qualify for the ECDS incentive for one program.

Measure Requirements

Phase 1: DataLink's Interoperability Specialist will coordinate outreach with providers to schedule Discovery Meetings with targeted providers. Discovery Meetings will be to discuss connectivity, benefits of the data extraction and the extraction process. Discovery meetings will include the QIP team, PHC IT team and the DataLink team.

Phase 2: DataLink's Interoperability Specialist will work one-on-one with each practice to set up the Data Generation and Data Upload via sFTP.

Phase 3: DataLink will parse and ingest the provider's Continuity of Care Documents (CCD) and create the output file for both quality and risk.

Phase 4: DataLink will deliver to PHC via sFTP the output file for validation and processing.

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Submission Process

Incentive for the ECDS measure includes a multi-step process and can be achieved by participating in the following criteria:

Step 1: Notify either the Perinatal QIP Team at PerinatalQIP@partnershiphp.org, or PCP QIP team at QIP@partnershiphp.org of your PO's intention to sign a contract/data share agreement with DataLink and include the following details:

- Name and Email of your organization's assigned point of contact
- The name of your current EMR.
- How long you have been using your current EMR
- If recently transitioned to a new EMR, who was the previous EMR
- If there are any plans in the near future to transition to a new EMR vendor (within the next couple years) and if so, what new EMR vendor.

Step 2: Request a copy of the DataLink contract by emailing PerinatalQIP@partnershiphp.org or QIP@partnershiphp.org. After the contract is signed, please send the contract to the DataLink Legal Team, PerinatalQIP@partnershiphp.org and QIP@partnershiphp.org.

Step 3: Once the contract is received and approved, DataLink team will then coordinate on-boarding meetings for all providers wanting to participate in the ECDS measure. Meetings will include the DataLink, HEDIS and QIP teams.

Manual Submissions

For FY2024-25: Submissions for both Timely Prenatal Care measures will continue utilizing the Excel templates with SECURE submission to the Perinatal QIP inbox monthly.

For FY2025-26: Both Timely Prenatal Care measures will likely move to a 100% administrative data capture through DataLink. This change is pending further discussion and development; however, due to the capacity of DataLink to capture a wider scope of data, we are hopeful this change can be implemented next Fiscal Year for the PQIP.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR HIGHLIGHT

Partnership HealthPlan Perinatal Services



Dr. Colleen Townsend, SE Regional Medical Director

Excellent perinatal care includes medical care and additional services that support many aspects of pregnant people and their family during and after pregnancy. It can be challenging for perinatal medical providers to attend to the needs that arise during pregnancy and coordinate access to “non-medical care”. It is also noted that during pregnancy, individuals may be more open to identifying and addressing psycho-social factors that can also impact infants and young children. A team-based approach is necessary to ensure that medical care and other needs are addressed effectively during pregnancy.

Partnership members are eligible to receive a full array of non-medical services throughout pregnancy from perinatal service providers. The Comprehensive Perinatal Services Programs (CPSP) previously administered by the California Department of Public Health is an excellent model of care that supports all aspects of pregnancy related concerns to ensure best outcomes for mom and baby. In addition, the multidisciplinary, frequent contact program allows each provider to offer the highest level of care in their field while the comprehensive perinatal health worker (case manager) directs and coordinate care.

Currently, the CDPH will continue to review and certify CPSP. Partnership and other MCPs are charged with administration, oversight and payment for all perinatal services. Partnership HealthPlan Perinatal Services includes perinatal programs including access to Behavioral Health, Nutrition/ Medical Nutrition Therapy, Health Education and Case Management. These services are to be offered in each trimester and in the post-partum period. Partnership HealthPlan emphasizes the importance of access to these services throughout pregnancy and the year after delivery for all members who are or have been pregnant. With the change in administration and oversight, Partnership aims to improve access to all perinatal services by increasing the number of units allowed in each domain, adding flexibility in the locations and providers of services. For more information about Partnership HealthPlan Perinatal Services, you may view a recent webinar presentation on our website: [here](#).

Doula Benefit Reminder

Partnership covers doula services during and after pregnancy. Doulas are birth workers who provide non-medical support during and after pregnancy as well as during childbirth. Doulas are trained individuals who offer emotional, physical and educational support. Doulas are not clinical providers. They offer guidance, support and advocacy to improve a person’s or family’s birthing experience. Doulas often have additional training in lactation education or counselling and as birth educators. The Partnership network of doulas continues to grow throughout our regions. A member does not need an authorized referral nor order from a medical provider to receive services from a doula who is contracted with Partnership. Please use the Partnership Directory to find doulas that are contracted with Partnership in your area and share this information with your perinatal patient who may want to use a doula.

Thank you for all that you and your teams do to support our pregnant members and their families.

Dr. Colleen Townsend

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Partnership's Growing Together Program

Our Growing Together Program (GTP) offers support to birth parents and their babies. GTP includes prenatal, postpartum, and healthy baby programs. All 3 include welcome and check-in calls. The prenatal and postpartum programs offer incentives for the birth parent to get the Tdap vaccine, flu shot, and go to their postpartum visits. The healthy baby program offers incentives to parents who take their children regularly to well-baby visits and stay up to date on their vaccines.

It is important to see a provider early in pregnancy and keep up with regular care. If you think you may be pregnant, you should schedule a visit with your provider as soon as possible. Early prenatal care services support healthy pregnancies and babies. It is important to keep an eye on changes that happen during your pregnancy and talk about them with a provider.



Health care services during and after pregnancy are important to keep both the birth parent and the baby healthy. Partnership members can learn more or sign up for GTP by calling our Population Health Department at **(855) 798-8764**.

Quarterly Performance Reports

The Perinatal QIP team distributes Quarterly Performance Reports with the intent to provide you with visibility of progress made within each of the measures throughout the fiscal year. It also allows your organization to reconcile submissions on a quarterly basis instead of at the end of the measurement period.

FY2024-25 Quarter 1 Reports are scheduled to be sent out by the end of October 2024.

Please contact us PerinatalQIP@partnershiphp.org with any questions. We also welcome your valued feedback on the usability of these reports.

FY2023-24 Perinatal QIP Payment

FY 2023-24 Quarter 4 Performance Reports, also known as Preliminary Payment Reports, were sent out at the beginning of October. During this preliminary period, providers were offered one week to review their report and share any questions or concerns about their report results. The preliminary period ended last week. Final incentive payments are being processed and are scheduled to be mailed out in November. If your organization's mailing address has recently changed, please email the Perinatal QIP Team at PerinatalQIP@partnershiphp.org to provide us with your new address.

Help us Help You!

Providing you with good communication is important to us. Please reach out to us when you have staffing changes so we can maintain the best contacts for your organization.

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Prenatal Care Attestation Templates: Choosing the Correct Template

Choosing the correct attestation template to use can be confusing. The difference lies within the gestational weeks – see below:

Attestation Template	Use for Members
Prenatal Timely Visit Submission Template	Less than 14 gestational weeks
Depression Screen at First Prenatal Visit Submission Template	14 or more gestational weeks

Don't forget to submit your template(s) as soon as possible and no later than the 10th of every month. Templates must be sent using a SECURE (encrypted) method. Reach out to the Perinatal QIP Team at PerinatalQIP@Partnershiphp.org if you need assistance.

Perinatal QIP Webpage

Visit the [Perinatal QIP webpage](#) to access helpful resources.

- Measure Specifications
- Monthly Prenatal Care Templates
- Perinatal QIP Kick-Off Webinar presentation and slides
- Previous newsletters

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We wish to thank you for your ongoing engagement in the Perinatal QIP. You have and continue to play a vital role in providing quality care to our members, and we appreciate all you do. Please contact us at PerinatalQIP@Partnershiphp.org with any questions or feedback regarding the Perinatal QIP.