

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT FUND-MATERNAL HEALTH INNOVATIONS UPDATE: APRIL 2024



Reporting Period: June 1, 2023 – November 30, 2023



HRSA awarded more than **\$65 million** to 36 HRSA-funded health centers in 24 states and the District of Columbia.



The Quality Improvement Fund - Maternal Health (QIF-MH) aims to **improve maternal health outcomes and reduce disparities for patients at highest risk.**



QIF-MH innovations focus on **maternal health services, care teams, and delivery models.**

QIF-MH At-A-Glance

Innovations

Maternal Health Services

- Group Education and Support
- Behavioral Health
- Chronic Disease Management
- Enabling Services

Care Team Model

- Doulas
- Community Health Workers
- Behavioral Health Specialists

Delivery Model

- Virtual Care
- Mobile Care
- Home Visits

Implementation

- Engaging with Patients and those with Lived Experience
- Strengthening Operational Systems
- Expanding Workforce
- Connecting to the Community

Impact

- Expanding Access to Care
- Increasing Clinical Quality
- Promoting Community Engagement
- Sustaining Models of Care



Improved Maternal Health Outcomes

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QIF-MH awardees use evidence-based practices to engage community partners and those with lived experience. Their approaches to improving maternal health access and quality promise to serve as a model for other health centers.

Early Findings*

BPHC evaluates awardee innovations with hopes of scaling across the Health Center Program. At six months, awardees are using early results to strengthen successes and identify opportunities for improvement.



Expanding Access to Care

The median percent of patients receiving timely care before and after giving birth

72% Early Entry into Prenatal Care
75% Postpartum Care



Increasing Clinical Quality

The median percent of patients whose diabetes and high blood pressure are controlled

85% Diabetes Control
83% Blood Pressure Control

The median percent of patients asked about smoking, depression, and social needs and given referrals to appropriate services when needed

96% Tobacco Screening & Cessation
88% Depression Screening & Follow-Up
36% Health-Related Social Needs Screening



Promoting Community Engagement

The median scores on QIF-MH awardees' [Lived Experience Scorecards](#) and [Community Engagement Self-Assessments](#)

79% Community Engagement
63% Integrating People with Lived Experience

Virtual Group Technical Assistance

BPHC held nine virtual group sessions, focusing on enhancing equitable maternal health care. These discussions shaped the agenda for the Spring 2024 series, ensuring selected topics meet awardees' needs.

- Awardee Orientation
- Contractor Meet and Greet
- Evaluation Measures Open Forum
- Introduction to Core Measures and Q&A
- Reporting Office Hours
- Family Planning Webinar
- Lived Experience Integration
- Innovations in Delivering Group Prenatal Care
- Best Practices in Integrating Doulas and Community Health Workers

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Number of TA Sessions June - November 2023

Next Steps

BPHC will continue to support awardees as they:

- Train and integrate new team members
- Create new processes and clinical workflows
- Form partnerships and engage people with lived experience
- Use data to improve and demonstrate their efforts
- Develop financial and operational sustainability strategies