

# Idaho Perinatal Quality Collaborative News

The **Maternal and Child Health Program** of the **Idaho Department of Health and Welfare** and **Comagine Health** have partnered to establish Idaho's Perinatal Quality Collaborative (IDPQC). The Idaho PQC brings together clinical providers, public health leaders, payers and community-based organizations to improve outcomes for pregnant people and babies.



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## Thank You!

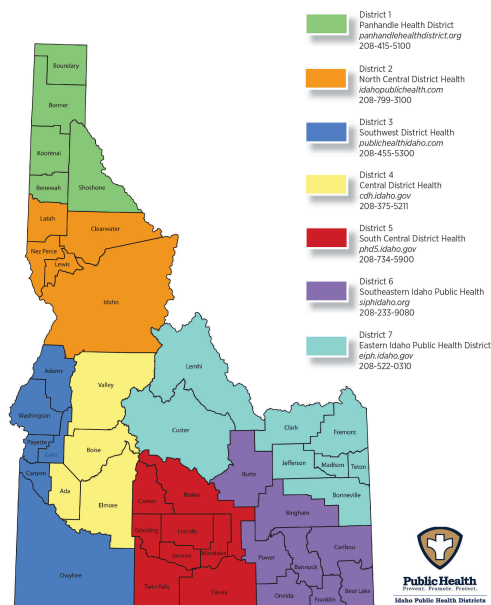
Establishing a PQC requires input and feedback from a variety of health care workers and support staff. We want to acknowledge the time and commitment of our IDPQC Champions who volunteered their time and energy towards creating the foundation of the IDPQC work. Thank you for your dedication in promoting this work!

## Special Call to Regions 6 and 7

We are looking for nominations from regions 6 and 7 for the IDPQC board! Candidates should have current experience in perinatal or maternal care, knowledge of the health care system in Idaho and the capacity to participate in IDPQC work.

Nominations (and self-nominations!) can be submitted via the [IDPQC Nomination form](#). Interested in being nominated but want more information? Email Ami Hanna ([ahanna@comagine.org](mailto:ahanna@comagine.org)) with any questions.

## Idaho Public Health Districts



**IDPQC: First Cohort!**

We are excited to launch the first cohort of hospitals implementing the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health's (AIM) Severe Hypertension in Pregnancy Patient Safety Bundle! This group of hospitals will be an integral part of helping IDPQC establish their processes for Patient Safety Bundle (PSB) implementation. For more information on AIM's PSBs, [click here](#).

The Reproductive Health National Training Center offers resources designed to help strengthen hypertension services. For more information describing the impact of hypertension on maternal health and the High Impact Practice Sets for strengthening hypertension prevention, recognition and control, visit this webpage for [this webinar](#).

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## **IDPQC: Data Onboarding Call**

Comagine Health will be hosting the first Data Onboarding Call on December 18, 2023, to provide additional resources and answer any questions on data reporting elements related to the Severe Hypertension in Pregnancy PSB. This will be an ongoing series that is available to both hospitals in the first cohort and those interested in participating in future cohorts.

To register, please contact Genevieve Rasmussen: [grasmussen@comagine.org](mailto:grasmussen@comagine.org). Please submit questions to our team to ensure they can be addressed at the call by emailing Genevieve ([grasmussen@comagine.org](mailto:grasmussen@comagine.org)).

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## **Webinar Series: Using Change Packages to Support AIM Bundle Implementation**

The Institute for Healthcare Improvement and AIM have worked together to develop actionable change packages aligned with each AIM Patient Safety Bundle. This free monthly webinar series will support state and hospital teams to effectively utilize these change packages as a tool for bundle implementation.

The series, starting January 10, 2024, will run from January through April 2024, on the second Wednesday of each month at **12 to 1 p.m. MT**.

[Register here](#)

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## **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): U.S. Syphilis Cases in Newborns Continue to Increase: A 10-Times Increase Over a Decade**

In its latest [press release](#) on congenital syphilis, CDC stated the following:

“CDC is recommending concerted action to stop the increase of newborn syphilis cases and continues to sound the alarm about the consequences of a rapidly accelerating epidemic of sexually transmitted infections in the United States. Syphilis during pregnancy can cause tragic outcomes, like miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death, and lifelong medical issues. Newborn syphilis occurs when mothers do not receive timely testing and treatment during pregnancy.”

Furthermore, CDC states, “Community health workers, including local patient navigators, case managers, and disease intervention specialists, are critical components to developing tailored strategies to reduce newborn syphilis in every community. They play one of the most powerful roles in addressing racial and ethnic disparities in congenital syphilis.”

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## Maternal and Infant Health Mapping Tool: Tutorial

Are you new to the world of data mapping tools, or perhaps feeling a bit daunted by the prospect of how to use them? Don't worry! HRSA has you covered with [written instructions and video tutorials](#) to help you more easily understand and use the Maternal and Infant Health Mapping Tool. This tool allows you to get the county-level data you may be seeking for a funding application or to inform your programmatic or policy work. Visit the [HRSA website](#) today, explore their tutorials and the map, and then use the data!

Excited to learn more about the Idaho Perinatal Quality Collaborative (IDPQC) and get involved? Complete the [IDPQC Interest Form](#) to sign up for future newsletter, project updates, and express interest in leadership roles.



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