

Maternal Morbidity Structural Measure

Hospitals participating in the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program are required annually to complete the Maternal Morbidity Structural Measure question. Data entry is achieved through the QualityNet Secure Portal available to authorized users.

Performance Measure Name: Maternal Morbidity Structural Measure

Description: Assesses whether or not a hospital participates in a Statewide or National Perinatal Quality Improvement (QI) Collaborative initiative, and implements patient safety practices and/or bundles related to maternal morbidity from that QI Collaborative. If the hospital provides inpatient labor, delivery, and post-partum care, the hospital will be required to respond to the following question:

- **Question:** Does your hospital or health system participate in a Statewide and/or National Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative Program aimed at improving maternal outcomes during inpatient labor, delivery and post-partum care, and has implemented patient safety practices or bundles related to maternal morbidity to address complications, including, but not limited to, hemorrhage, severe hypertension/preeclampsia or sepsis?
- **Answer Choices:** (A) Yes, (B) No, or (C) N/A (our hospital does not provide inpatient labor/delivery care)

Clarifying Information: Examples of Statewide or National Perinatal QI collaboratives include the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative and the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM). When answering the Maternal Morbidity Structural measure, please note that there are two parts to this measure's question. Both parts of the measure's question have to be considered by hospitals when determining which answer choice is appropriate. For example, part one of the question assesses a hospital's participation in a Statewide and/or National Perinatal QI collaborative. Part two of the question assesses a hospital's implementation of patient safety practices and/or bundles related to maternal morbidity from the QI collaboratives. In order to select "(A) Yes", a hospital must be able to answer yes to both parts of the question. If a hospital deems a response of no to either part of the question, then their attestation for the entire question must be "(B) No". Hospitals that do not provide inpatient labor and delivery care services, would select "(C) N/A (our hospital does not provide inpatient labor/delivery care)."

Hospitals participating in the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program must answer the questions during the CMS specified time period.