

Idaho Perinatal Quality Collaborative News

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The Idaho Perinatal Quality Collaborative works to improve the quality of maternal health outcomes for all Idahoans. We promote evidence-based best practices in perinatal and neonatal care, work to increase access, and improve the overall health and well-being of families. Together, we can achieve our goal of providing respectful, compassionate, and effective care to all who need it.



October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month

Miscarriage, stillbirth and other conditions can cause a pregnancy to end before or during birth. Infant death may result from preterm birth, birth defects and other health conditions. March of Dimes honors those who have experienced loss and provides resources to help families facing unimaginable challenges find hope, answers and community. We also observe Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day on Oct. 15. With your support this month, we can be there for all moms, dads and babies. [Learn more here.](#)



Help Shape Doula Services in Idaho: Survey for Doulas

The Idaho Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Program is focusing its Ongoing Needs Assessment on doula services across the state, and we want to hear directly from doulas. In partnership with Boise State University, we are conducting a brief survey to better understand the doula workforce in Idaho, including the services doulas provide, the communities they

serve, and the barriers they face in sustaining their practice and reaching the families who need them. Your responses will help inform how the state supports and strengthens doula care for Idaho families.

The survey is still in development, and will be sent out later this year, but you can use [this form](#) to ensure that you are included in the distribution list when it is ready.

IDPQC Concludes Severe Hypertension in Pregnancy Initiative

IDPQC has wrapped up its year-long implementation of the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM) Severe Hypertension in Pregnancy Patient Safety Bundle. Launched on Oct. 1, 2025, the initiative brought together 15 Idaho birthing facilities, representing more than half of the state's birthing hospitals, to improve the recognition and timely treatment of severe hypertension during pregnancy and the postpartum period.

Over the past year, participating teams engaged in a variety of quality improvement efforts, including implementing protocols for timely treatment of severe blood pressure, strengthening patient education on warning signs and sharing lessons learned through monthly collaborative calls. The initiative held its final collaborative call on Oct. 7, with a focus on sustaining these improvements after the formal initiative ends.

The work doesn't stop here. IDPQC will share a final data and impact report with participating hospitals in late 2026, once the final quarter of data is in. Teams will also reconnect for sustainability check-ins in January and April 2027.

IDPQC extends its deep thanks to the clinical teams and quality leaders at each participating facility for their commitment to safer care for Idaho's mothers:

- Clearwater Valley Health
- Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center
- Kootenai Health
- Grove Creek Medical Center
- Mountain View Hospital

- Saint Alphonsus Medical Center Nampa
- Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center – Boise
- St. Luke's Boise Medical Center
- St. Luke's Elmore Medical Center
- St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center
- St. Luke's McCall Medical Center
- St. Luke's Meridian Medical Center
- St. Luke's Nampa Medical Center
- St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center
- St. Mary's Health

What's next: IDPQC's next initiative, the AIM Perinatal Mental Health Patient Safety Bundle, kicks off in March 2027.

[Fill out the interest form now.](#)

IDPQC Set to Expand Statewide Through Rural Health Transformation Funding



Two new awards through Idaho's Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) are now fueling the next phase of IDPQC's growth, bringing quality improvement resources and obstetric readiness training to more rural hospitals across the state. Comagine Health, the nonprofit health care quality improvement organization that supports

IDPQC data and operations, serves as the subgrantee and funding steward for both awards.

Work began in September 2026 and is moving in two directions. IDPQC has begun reaching out to rural hospitals not yet part of the Collaborative, while building out expanded education, technical assistance and evidence-based resources for members already engaged in its work. A companion obstetric readiness initiative is in development to help rural and critical access hospitals, clinics and first responders prepare for obstetric emergencies through simulation-based training, training capacity development, readiness assessments and Idaho-specific toolkits.

The RHTP funding, awarded through 2031 subject to continued federal funding, represents the largest investment in IDPQC's history and reflects growing recognition of the Collaborative's role in improving outcomes for Idaho's mothers and infants.

Is your hospital interested in joining IDPQC or learning more about obstetric readiness training?

Contact [Program Manager Carly Rohs](#).

For more information about Idaho's Rural Health Transformation Program, please visit the [Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's website](#).

Idaho WIC Outreach Materials Toolkit Available Now

Do your staff or patients know about the Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) Program — what it offers and who qualifies? If not, this toolkit provides everything you need to help introduce WIC.

- Two sign sizes highlighting WIC benefits and a QR code linking to www.signupwic.com, where families can find their local WIC clinic and check eligibility (English and Spanish).
- Trigger cards: a one-page overview of WIC and who qualifies (English and Spanish). Digital versions are also available in Arabic, Dari, Pashto, Somali, Swahili and Ukrainian. Email WICnutrition@dhw.idaho.gov if you'd like copies emailed to you.
- A short 3-minute video explaining what WIC is, what it offers, who qualifies and the benefits — ideal for clinics, trainings, waiting rooms or patient rooms.
- PowerPoint and PDF versions of the video content for flexible use.



If you are a provider and would like information about what exempt/specialty formulas or nutritionals WIC offers, the [WIC Partners page](#) has everything you need. You can also access the toolkit there.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please reach out to WICnutrition@dhw.idaho.gov — we're happy to help.

Perinatal Substance Use Disorders 101: More Webinar Opportunities

Dec. 10, 2026 | 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. MT

Learn about the range of maternal mental health disorders, the prevalence, signs and symptoms and recommended treatment options in this complimentary webinar hosted by The Policy Center and presented by Postpartum Support International. [Register now.](#)

IDPQC Quarterly Targeted Webinars - Open Access

The Idaho Perinatal Quality Collaborative (IDPQC) has completed a series of open access learning opportunities as part of its implementation of the Severe Hypertension in Pregnancy patient safety bundle. **These webinars are open to all attendees to watch on demand** and are intended to support collaboration and improved outcomes in various care settings.



Register to watch each session by clicking the titles below:

- [Severe Hypertension in Pregnancy: Considerations for Rural Settings \[comaginehealth.zoom.us\]](#) (Watch on Demand)
- [Perinatal Care for Emergency Department Teams \[comaginehealth.zoom.us\]](#) (Watch on Demand)