

Idaho Perinatal Quality Collaborative News

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The Idaho Perinatal Quality Collaborative (IDPQC) works to promote evidence-based best practices in perinatal and neonatal care, reduce disparities, and improve the overall health and well-being of families. Together, we can achieve our goal of providing equitable, compassionate, and effective care to all who need it.



Patient Safety Awareness Week Resources Available

Patient Safety Awareness Week, March 9-15, is a time dedicated to increasing awareness and action around health care safety. This annual event highlighted the importance of



improving safety for both patients and health care workers. Throughout the week, organizations and individuals engaged in discussions and initiatives aimed at strengthening patient safety efforts. Learn more [here](#).

Register Now for the IDPQC Annual Summit!

Registration is now open for the IDPQC Annual Summit.

When: Friday, May 30, 2025

Where: Boise State University, Boise ID

Virtual attendance also available.



[Register Here](#)

Attendance is **FREE** and topics will include:

- The State of the State: Maternal Health in Idaho
- Updates on Implementing the AIM Severe Hypertension in Pregnancy Patient Safety Bundle
- Workshop on hospital policy implementation

If you are interested in tabling or sponsoring this event, please contact Phillip Wetmore at

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Medicaid Expansion Saves Lives, Boosts Economies in Rural Idaho

Medicaid expansion has significantly improved access to health care in rural Idaho, saving lives and strengthening local economies. Since its approval in 2018, the program has helped thousands gain coverage, reducing financial strain on families and hospitals alike. However, ongoing legislative debates could threaten these benefits, potentially leaving many without affordable care. Read more [here](#).

Webinar Recap: Maternal Mental Health (MMH) Forum



The 2025 Maternal Mental Health (MMH) Forum brought together policymakers, payors, provider leaders, and partners to address key challenges and solutions in maternal mental health care. The agenda covered critical topics at the intersection of policy, payment, and practice, including federal and state MMH legislation, Medicaid and postpartum care reimbursement, mental health provider payment gaps, and integrating behavioral health into maternal care. Discussions also highlighted equity in maternal mental health, with a focus on preterm birth, NICUs, and financial strategies to reduce parental stress. Learn more about the past event [here](#).

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