

**EQR Table 7. Maternal and Perinatal Health Performance Improvement Projects (PIPs) Included in External Quality Review (EQR) Technical Reports, 2023–2024 Reporting Cycle, by Topic Area**

*Summary:* This table shows Maternal and Perinatal Health PIP counts by state and by topic area.<sup>a</sup> It also shows the populations included in each topic area's PIPs: adult (A), child (C), or unspecified (U). For purposes of this table, the term “child” also includes “adolescents.” In the 2023–2024 reporting cycle, 23 states reported at least one PIP related to Maternal and Perinatal Health. The three most common topics were: (1) Prenatal and Postpartum Care (14 states reported at least one PIP focused on this topic); (2) Prenatal Care (7 states), and (3) Postpartum Care (6 states).

Topic Area	Total States Reporting PIPs	Total PIPs <sup>b</sup>	State																						
			AL	AZ	CA	DC	GA	IA	IL	IN	KS	MA	MD	MI	MN	MS	NC	NE	NM	RI	SC	TN	VA	WA	WI
<b>Total PIPs<sup>b</sup></b>	23	142	8	12	1	3	6	2	5	2	1	1	18	8	16	3	7	1	3	4	1	2	12	1	25
Care Coordination <sup>c</sup>	4	4	-	A, C	-	-	-	-	A, C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	C	-	A, C	-	-	-	-	-	-
Case Management <sup>d</sup>	4	9	-	A, C	-	-	A, C	-	-	A, C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	U	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Health Equity <sup>e</sup>	5	68	-	A, C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A, C	A, C	A, C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A, C
High-Risk Maternal Care <sup>f</sup>	4	8	A, C	A, C	-	-	A, C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	U	-	-	-	-	-	-
Postpartum Care <sup>g</sup>	6	16	-	-	A, C	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	A, C	-	-	-	-	-	A, C	-	-	U	-	A, C	-
Postpartum Depression	2	3	-	A, C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prenatal and Postpartum Care <sup>h</sup>	14	78	A, C	A, C	-	A, C	-	-	-	A, C	-	A, C	-	A, C	A, C	A, C	A, C	U	A, C, U	A, C	A, C	-	-	-	A, C
Prenatal Care <sup>i</sup>	7	37	A, C	-	-	-	A, C	-	A, C	-	A, C	-	A, C	A, C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A, C	-
Prenatal Substance Use	2	2	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A, C	-	-	-	-	-	-
Telehealth	2	3	A, C	A, C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tobacco Cessation for Pregnant People	3	9	A, C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A, C	-	-	-	-	-	-	A, C	-
Other Maternal and Perinatal Health Topics Not Classified Elsewhere <sup>j</sup>	2	2	C	A, C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Acronyms: CMS = Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services; EQR = External Quality Review; EQRO = External Quality Review Organization; GU = Guam; MCP = Managed Care Plan; PIP = Performance Improvement Project; PR = Puerto Rico; USVI = United States Virgin Islands.

Source: EQR technical reports for the 2023–2024 reporting cycle. States must post EQR technical reports on their websites by April 30 of each year. Information about the EQR process is available at <https://www.medicare.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/medicaid-managed-care/external-quality-review/index.html>.

Notes: The following three states posted their EQR technical reports after the April 30 deadline but are included in this analysis: FL, MN, and VT. ID and MO did not post EQR technical reports for the 2023-2024 reporting cycle and are not included in this analysis. CA posted one of its MCP EQR technical reports after the April 30 deadline, but this analysis includes data from all MCPs. During the 2023–2024 reporting cycle, the following eight states and territories did not contract with a qualifying MCP subject to EQR: AK, CT, GU, ME, MT, OK, SD, and USVI. EQR technical reports must include information on the validation of PIPs required by the state that were underway during the preceding 12 months.

An “A,” “C,” or “U” indicates the populations included in the state’s PIP in each domain; a dash (-) indicates that the state’s MCPs did not conduct a PIP related to the domain. PIPs can focus on an adult (A) population, a child (C) population, or an adult and child population (A, C). For some PIPs, the population could not be determined and is listed as unspecified (U) in the table above.

<sup>a</sup> The requirements for states to mandate PIPs and have managed care execution of those mandates validated by an EQRO and reported to the state and CMS are detailed in 42 C.F.R. §§ 438.330, 438.358, and 438.364, respectively. PIP validation means that the EQRO assessed the PIP methodology; confirmed the accuracy of the MCP’s reported results; and interpreted PIP results, noting whether the interventions are achieving improvement.

<sup>b</sup> PIPs can focus on more than one topic area; thus, the PIPs listed in this table are not mutually exclusive. For example, a PIP focusing on both prenatal and postpartum care is counted once in the total PIP count, once in the “Prenatal Care” topic, once in the “Postpartum Care” topic, and once in the “Prenatal and Postpartum” topic. In addition, more than one MCP in a state may conduct a PIP related to each topic area. In this case, each PIP would be counted in the Total PIPs column but would only appear once in the state column if the PIPs focused on the same population.

<sup>c</sup> The “Care Coordination” topic includes PIPs focused on reducing fragmentation in patient care by sharing information among different healthcare providers and organizations to achieve safer and more effective care.

<sup>d</sup> The “Case Management” topic includes PIPs focused on working directly with enrollees, their family members, and other case management systems to address barriers that prevent them from achieving their healthcare goals.

<sup>e</sup> The “Health Equity” topic includes PIPs focused on improving health equity or reducing disparities specifically related to maternal and perinatal health. A PIP aimed at reducing disparities in the timeliness of prenatal care between rural and urban beneficiaries would appear in “Prenatal Care” and “Health Equity.”

<sup>f</sup> The “High-Risk Maternal Care” topic includes PIPs focused on identifying and serving women with maternal risk factors such as pre-pregnancy or gestational chronic disease and previous severe maternal morbidity.

<sup>g</sup> The “Postpartum Care” topic includes PIPs focused on access to and timeliness of postpartum care.

<sup>h</sup> The “Prenatal and Postpartum Care” topic includes PIPs focused on access to and timeliness of both prenatal and postpartum care.

<sup>i</sup> The “Prenatal Care” topic includes PIPs focused on access to and timeliness of prenatal care.

<sup>j</sup> The “Other Maternal and Perinatal Health Topics Not Classified Elsewhere” topic includes PIPs focused on maternal and perinatal health topics not specified above. For example, PIPs in this topic focused on implementing a school-based education program to improve preconception wellness among youth by reducing sexually transmitted infections and avoiding teen pregnancy (AL) and contraceptive care (AZ).