

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.



April 11-17 is Black Maternal Health Week



The 2026 Black Maternal Health Week (#BMHW26) theme is “Rooted in Justice & Joy”. This year also marks the 10-year anniversary of Black Mama’s Matter Alliance (BMMA), a time to celebrate! This incredible milestone and theme reflect the strength and resilience of Black-led perinatal, maternal, and reproductive health organizations that have influenced change and healing across communities. Read more about BMHW and their toolkit on their web page [here](#).

Perinatal Substance Use Disorders 101: Webinar

Join this complementary introduction to maternal substance use disorder (SUD) training hosted by the Policy Center for Maternal Health and the Colorado Department of Public Health on **April 20**. Learn more about how to recognize and effectively respond to substance use concerns during pregnancy, early parenthood, and with the birthing parent/child dyad. Considerations related to treatment and supporting the parent-child relationship will be discussed. Learn more [here](#).

Perinatal Substance Use Disorders 101: More Webinar Opportunities

If you miss the April webinar – the Policy Center for Maternal Health in partnership with Postpartum Support International, are putting on a few more webinars between now and winter 2026. Check out these webinars and their dates [here](#).

Register Now for the 2026 IDPQC Annual Summit!



We are excited to announce that registration is now open for the 2026 IDPQC Annual Summit.

When: Thursday, Sept. 3, 2026

Where: The Riverside Hotel in Boise, Idaho.

Virtual Attendance Also available.

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
- A look ahead at our next IDPQC Statewide Initiative: The AIM Perinatal Mental Health Patient Safety Bundle

More details will be shared about the event as we finalize the programming and event agenda, but

you can register now at the following link: [Idaho Perinatal Quality Collaborative - 2026 Annual Summit Registration Form](#)

We are pleased to bring back a vendor exhibition option at this year's event and have created a form for organizations that would like to be considered: [2026 IDPQC Summit - Vendor / Sponsorship Application](#)

Additionally, we are exploring the option of a room block at the Riverside Hotel. If you will need lodging in Boise to attend, please submit a response to this form: [2026 IDPQC Annual Summit - Room Block Interest Form](#).

This will help inform conversations with the hotel, and we will directly follow up with anyone who submitted a response with more information when it is available.

If you have any questions abouts these forms or the event itself, please reach out to Phillip Wetmore (pwetmore@comagine.org).

New National Research Finds Americans Ready to Act on Maternal Health

New research from Heartland Forward reveals a powerful, bipartisan mandate for maternal health reform, with 88% of Americans identifying maternal mortality as a critical national issue. While nearly 60% of the population has personal experience with pregnancy complications, the study highlights a significant awareness gap in high-risk regions where Black and rural women face the highest mortality rates. There is now a clear national consensus supporting increased federal funding, Medicaid expansion, and paid maternity leave to cut the mortality rate in half within five years. By leveraging state-led initiatives and trusted clinical messengers, advocates aim to bridge these disparities and create a more secure future for families across the country. Read the study [here](#).

Idaho Perinatal Quality Collaborative (IDPQC) - Rural Perinatal Care Hospital Info Form

The IDPQC is committed to supporting rural and critical access hospitals around the state of Idaho and would love to learn more about how we can help. If you work at a rural or critical access hospital, please take a moment to tell us more about your hospital by clicking the

following link: [Idaho Perinatal Quality Collaborative \(IDPQC\) - Rural Perinatal Care Hospital Info Form](#).

Submission should only take five to 10 minutes. In addition to letting us know about the biggest needs of your hospital, you will also be able to submit information about key contacts at your institution, which will allow us to share resources and an invitation to an upcoming quarterly IDPQC Rural Perinatal Care meeting series.

The series started in January 2026, and brings together rural providers from around the state to share information and resources on requested topic. It also allows teams to network and collectively troubleshoot issues. These meetings will take place on the fourth Thursday every three months, from 3-4 p.m. MT, which the following meetings scheduled for 2026:

- April 23, 2026
- July 23, 2026
- Oct. 22, 2026

To request an invite to these meetings, please complete the form sign up request form: [IDPQC - Rural Perinatal Care Quarterly Meeting Sign Up Request](#).

Contact Phillip Wetmore with any questions at pwetmore@comagine.org.

IDPQC Quarterly Targeted Webinars - Open Access



The IDPQC is hosting a series of open access learning opportunities as part of its implementation of the Severe Hypertension in Pregnancy patient safety bundle. **These**

webinars will be open to all attendees and are intended to support collaboration and improved outcomes in various care settings.

Register for each session by clicking the titles below:

- [Collaborating with First Responders \[comaginehealth.zoom.us\]](https://comaginehealth.zoom.us) (Watch on Demand)
- [Considerations for Rural Settings \[comaginehealth.zoom.us\]](https://comaginehealth.zoom.us) (Watch on Demand)
- June 3, 2026 - [Perinatal Care for Emergency Department Teams \[comaginehealth.zoom.us\]](https://comaginehealth.zoom.us)
- Sept. 9, 2026 - [Hypertension Management for Direct-Entry and Community-Based Midwives \[comaginehealth.zoom.us\]](https://comaginehealth.zoom.us)

IDPQC Severe Hypertension Monthly Meetings

The IDPQC Severe Hypertension Initiative is underway! In addition to the open access quarterly meetings mentioned above, we are hosting a monthly series intended for members of hospitals that are enrolled in the initiative. These meetings occur on the first Wednesday of each month from 12-1 p.m. MT, and will have a variety of topics and focus areas throughout the initiative.

One the third Wednesday of each month from 12-1 p.m. MT, enrolled participants can also join us for **optional drop-in technical assistance office hours**. This series will provide an opportunity to receive targeted clinical guidance about the IDPQC Hypertension initiative, get support with the data submission process, or ask questions about the initiative in general.

If you have any questions about how to join these meetings, or anything else related to the IDPQC Severe Hypertension Initiative, please reach out to Phillip Wetmore (pwetmore@comagine.org).