



JUNE NEWSLETTER

Ensuring



Compassionate, Respectful and Equitable Care

Individuals from 57 organizations and health systems attended the recent Compassionate, Respectful and Equitable Care webinars hosted by The Ohio Perinatal Quality Collaborative (OPQC). The webinars highlighted strategies for addressing inequities in maternal care and outcomes that align with the new Joint Commission standard on health equity. If you missed it, you can listen to the recording [here](#).

OPQC, in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Health, will launch a learning community in fall 2023 to focus on the building blocks for equitable maternity care, in alignment with the new Joint Commission safety standards. We invite you to join us in learning and working together on ensuring equitable care for maternity, delivery and postpartum care. OPQC will be hosting calls to share information regarding the learning community and an intent to participate: [Link here](#)



Updating the Ohio Department of Medicaid's Pregnancy Risk and Assessment Form

The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) is updating its electronic Pregnancy Risk Assessment Form (e-PRAF or PRAF 2.0) to ensure that

the data collected is useful in identifying risks and facilitating care coordination to help ensure a healthy mom and baby. OPQC is collaborating with ODM on this effort and is interested in feedback from maternity care providers. Please take a brief survey here by June 30th: [Link](#)



Breast Milk Storage Bags

ODM is encouraging OB/GYNs to help spread the word that ODM covers breast milk storage bags. Each person's provider needs to put an order in the patient's record indicating they need breast milk storage bags so that the patient can order the bags from a durable medical equipment supplier. We appreciate your help in making sure our moms have what they need to

ensure successful breastfeeding!

The details regarding pricing and limits for breast milk storage bags can be found on the DME (DMEPOS) fee schedule as well as the CPT and HCPCs Level II Procedure Code Changes fee schedule. Both of these fee schedules can be [found on the ODM website](#).



Juneteenth and its Historical Significance

Juneteenth has become a day to honor African American heritage, freedom and culture while promoting equality and justice. OPQC works with clinical teams and state partners to ensure health equity by addressing disparities in maternal and infant health, promoting evidence-based practices, implementing quality improvement initiatives, and fostering collaboration among healthcare providers and communities. As we celebrated Juneteenth on June 19, we are all reminded of the importance of ensuring compassionate, respectful and equitable care for all.

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