

Improving the Health of Mom and Baby

Joint Commission Perinatal Care Services Certification



More than a Badge of Honor



Perinatal Care Certification from The Joint Commission is more than a badge of honor. It provides an important framework to help you implement important changes, and elevate the quality of perinatal care in your community.

Evidence-based practices and certification standards help your organization improve prenatal, intrapartum and postpartum patient care services. These standards help focus care delivery, and empower you to achieve integrated, coordinated and patient-centered care for clinically uncomplicated pregnancies and births.

Organizations that achieve Perinatal Care Certification may be able to showcase reductions in key measures, including:

- Infant mortality rates
- Maternal complications and mortality
- Unnecessary induction of labor
- Elective deliveries
- Complication of deliveries
- Prematurity rates
- Costs associated with lengthy hospital stays

“This is validation of our employees, commitment to provide high-quality care to all our patients, and especially to the women who entrust us with their care and that of their infants before, during and after birth. We could not have earned this recognition and reached this milestone without a total team effort.”

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The Gold Seal of Approval®

For more than 60 years, The Joint Commission has been synonymous with quality, safety and performance improvement. Our standards are the most rigorous in the industry; our surveyors and reviewers are among the most knowledgeable in their fields; and our accredited and certified organizations are among the top in the marketplace.

The Joint Commission Gold Seal of Approval® is widely recognized by peers, payors, insurers and the public, and helps you stand apart from competitors and build confidence in the community.



Standards Guided by Experts

The standards and practices developed for Perinatal Care Certification were guided with the insight and input of industry experts and in-depth research. A perinatal care technical advisory panel of perinatal medical providers were recruited from across the nation to review standards, and recommend thoughtful changes.

A team at The Joint Commission spent time understanding the challenges and opportunities health care organizations and providers faced in care delivery by conducting learning visits. Field reviews and pilot visits were also completed to test the standards and survey processes.

Certification Framework

Organizations that achieve Perinatal Certification must provide:

- Integrated, coordinated and patient-centered prenatal through postpartum care
- Early identification of high-risk pregnancies and births
- Management of mothers' and/or newborns' risks, corresponding to the program's capabilities
- Direct care or stabilization and safe transfer of mothers and/or newborns with identified or unanticipated risks or complications
- Education and information about perinatal services to help mothers make informed decisions about care, treatment or services
- Ongoing quality improvement processes, in addition to The Joint Commission's perinatal care core measure set

Working Together Toward Excellence

Perinatal Certification from The Joint Commission offers your organization many opportunities and benefits, from gaining a competitive advantage to coming together across functions and departments. Other benefits include:

- Demonstrated commitment to a higher standard of clinical care
- Designated excellence in perinatal care
- Reduced risk of error through a consistent approach to care
- Improved patient outcomes
- Attract top level talent

“Looking at our own department processes, policies and education from a reviewer perspective, and reaching out to the staff, was very time intensive. However, our team is truly stronger as a result of our work. This only solidifies a path of safety and excellence we have already been on. We are ecstatic to partake in this opportunity and continue the work in the future.”

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The Joint Commission Enterprise envisions a future of zero harm and is committed to helping make it a reality. We believe zero harm is achievable and we're *leading the way to zero* by helping hospitals like yours transform the way they work to prevent harm.

Examples of zero include zero patient falls, zero complications of care, zero infections, zero patient safety events, zero harm to employees, and zero missed opportunities to provide exemplary care.