



June 2019 DSRIP Announcements & Updates

Dear DSRIP Program Participants,

Thank you for your continued attention to the NJ DSRIP Program's Monthly Newsletters. In this Newsletter, we will be sharing details about the Databook v5.1 update, the launch of the updated and improved NJ DSRIP website, and updates to the DSRIP Dashboard. We will also preview the June 26th In-Person Learning Collaborative.

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DOH Corner

On May 28th, the New Jersey Department of Health released surgical/cesarean birth rates by hospital among women considered at low risk for birth complications; the Department of Health's data shows that too many unnecessary surgical births are performed in the state. Low-risk cesareans sections are used as a measure for maternal health care—specifically, births that are among first time mothers delivering one baby in the head-first presentation.

The national target for these surgical procedures is 23.9 per 100 live births and New Jersey's rate is well above at 30.3 per 100 live births in 2016. Within their own facilities, [only 8 out of 49 New Jersey birthing hospitals](#) meet the benchmark.

In April, the Department shared with each birthing hospital their individual rates and offered evidenced-based clinical [strategies](#) to reduce surgical births. [Leaders from birthing hospitals](#) have formally committed to the Commissioner of Health to work to achieve cesarean birth rates for low risk women of 23.9 percent or lower at their hospitals by December 31, 2021.

The Department has launched a new New Jersey Maternal Data Center [website](#) and in summer 2019, the Department will release additional data as part of its statutory requirement under P.L. 2018, c.82 to annually publish the New Jersey Report Card of Hospital Maternity Care. The public data dashboard will include surgical birth rates, complication rates, and severe maternal morbidity (SMM) data.

Read the full press release [here](#).

Databook v5.1 Update

The latest version of the DSRIP Performance Measurement Databook (v5.1) will be available on the Resources page of the NJ DSRIP website soon. Databook v5.1 contains annual updates to the MMIS measures.

The MMIS measure specifications were reviewed and updated to align with the updates provided by the measure steward. In addition to measure specification updates, inconsistencies in coding for some measures were identified and updated. Where an update had major impact on results, DY6 results were rebased to ensure comparability in trending.

The extent of the changes fall into a few categories:

- Measures that have no changes (n=21)
- Measures that have been updated to latest Steward specifications that require rebasing (n=11)
- Measures that have been updated to the latest Steward specifications that do not require rebasing (n=7)
- Measures whose specifications have not changed, but coding inconsistencies corrected, and require rebasing (n=1)

A full list of changes to the measure specifications, will be detailed in the Revision Log for Databook v5.1. Hospitals will be notified when these documents are available on the NJ DSRIP website. Please note: based on feedback from hospitals in DY7, incremental updates to a few EHR/Chart based measures are also included in this version of the Databook for DY8 collection and reporting and can be identified in the change log.

Registration Now Live for June 26th In-Person Learning Collaborative

The next in-person DSRIP Learning Collaborative will take place on June 26th at the New Jersey Hospital Association Conference Center in Princeton, NJ.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register by June 17th.

Date: Wednesday, June 26th, 2019

Time: 10:30-3:30pm (registration opens at 10am)

Topic: Stakeholder Engagement

Target Audience:

- Clinical and non-clinical DSRIP Team members responsible for leading or participating in quality initiatives.

Objectives:

At the end of this event, participants should be able to:

- Evaluate the effectiveness of their QI team;
- Engage the right QI team members in the most effective way;
- Evaluate, navigate and build their team's/institution's quality culture for success;
- Utilize stakeholder mapping, analysis and communication tools to increase QI team's effectiveness;
- Identify successful strategies for community based/external partner stakeholder engagement.

July 11th, 2019 Webinar and Call for Presentations

The July DSRIP webinar will take place on July 11th from 10-11am.

A detailed program announcement will be emailed prior to the event.

Upcoming webinars will cover the following measure specifications and associated best practices. We are looking for hospital teams to present their work on these measures. Presentations can range from 5-15 minutes with time for Q&A. If your hospital would like to highlight your team's hard work and best practices related to program reporting or performance improvement strategies, please contact the DSRIP team!

Measure Name	DSRIP #
Heart Failure Admission Rate	45
COPD Admission Rate	32
Ambulatory Care – Emergency Department Visits	8
Percentage of Live Births Weighing Less Than 2,500 grams	67

May Webinar Materials: Now Available on the NJ DSRIP Website

The May 9th, 2019 DSRIP webinar recording, slides and Q&A have been posted to the [Learning Collaborative](#) webpage.

NJ DSRIP Website Update

The New Jersey DSRIP Website has a new look! The updated website went

live on June 11th. NJ DSRIP website visitors will find that the site's layout has been refreshed and the DSRIP program information on the website has been reorganized. Please note, the web address for the NJ DSRIP website will *not* change. DSRIP Participants will access the updated website via the existing web address: <https://dsrip.nj.gov/>.

We hope that these updates provide DSRIP Participants with a more user-friendly website experience. We have detailed some of the updates to the site below. The refreshed website will also be reviewed during the June 11th webinar.

A new DSRIP Participants Page – This [new page](#) will serve as a central location for

the materials and links that DSRIP Participants interact with most frequently. Visitors to this new page will find DSRIP Hospital Reporting Materials, links to the NJ DSRIP SFTP and NJ DSRIP Dashboard, and a new archive for previous editions of the Monthly NJ DSRIP Newsletters.

A more user-friendly Learning Collaborative Page – [This page](#) has been

streamlined so that DSRIP Participants can more easily access previous learning materials. All learning content has been reorganized, by year, into tables. Within these tables, website users will find links to the presentation materials as well as more detailed information about the learning materials posted—such as the topics covered and presentation notes. Visitors to this page will also be able to find the dates and registration links for all 2019 Learning Collaborative activities.

An integrated Dashboard Page – Visitors to [this page](#) will now find links to the NJ DSRIP Dashboard Tutorials and Dashboard User Guide on the same page as the Dashboard itself.

We hope that DSRIP Program materials and information will be easier to access on the updated site, but we are happy to help you locate any materials or information on the website while you become accustomed to the new layout.

NJ DSRIP Dashboard Update

The [NJ DSRIP Dashboard](#) has been updated with all available DY7 Semi-Annual 1 data (unadjudicated).

A data correction has been made to a set of measures which all share the same denominator specification. You can now view the corrected DY7 SA1 data in the Dashboard. The affected measures are DSRIP #s: 6, 13, 34, 36, 48, and 81.

The Dashboard currently contains unadjudicated DY6 data. However, the dashboard will soon be updated with adjudicated DY6 data including any changes to the hospital data that the recently concluded appeals yielded. Hospitals will be informed when this update is made.

Questions?

If you have any questions or concerns, please email NJDSRIP@pcqus.com.

Thank you,

NJ DSRIP Team

