



# News Flash



## Important Update

**To:** Sharp Health Plan Contracted Hospitals  
**Attn:** Quality Department  
**From:** Sharp Health Plan  
**Date:** June 21, 2018  
**Subject:** **Appropriate Use of C-Sections**

Attention Quality Managers/Director:

Sharp Health Plan is working collaboratively with Covered California (CovCA) and CalPERS to promote and encourage all of our contracted hospitals that administer maternity services to enroll and participate in the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative (CMQCC) and their Maternal Data Center (MDC).

Hospitals that participate in the MDC have access to a user-friendly, low-burden performance measurement tool. This tool can help your organization measure and work to reduce the number of low-risk, first-time (NTSV) mothers having a cesarean section with a goal to meet or exceed the national Healthy People 2020 target of having less than 23.9 percent of each hospital in the state by 2019. Covered California, CalPERS, the California Department of Public Health and the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), as well as other major employers, endorses the MDC.

Sharp Health Plan requests that you enroll and participate in the CMQCC's Maternal Data Center. To enroll, email [info@cmqcc.org](mailto:info@cmqcc.org). If your organization is already participating, we thank you and encourage you to continue your efforts toward reducing preventable cesarean sections.

If you have questions, please contact Andres Aguirre, Director of Quality Improvement at 858-499-8384 or via email at [Andres.Aguirre@sharp.com](mailto:Andres.Aguirre@sharp.com).

Warm regards,

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