

## PA PQC'S IMMEDIATE POSTPARTUM LARC (IPLARC) START-UP AWARDS

*Application Deadline: By September 28, 2020*

*(Reviewed and Selected on a Rolling Basis Until the Number of Available Awards is Reached)*



### BACKGROUND

With support from the State Opioid Response grant funds from the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP), the Pennsylvania Perinatal Quality Collaborative (PA PQC) will provide Start-Up Awards to PA PQC hospitals to help start their efforts to provide comprehensive contraceptive care and counseling, including immediate postpartum Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (IPLARC). Improving access to comprehensive contraceptive care and counseling, including IPLARC, is a Key Intervention in the PA PQC's Driver Diagrams for Maternal Opioid Use Disorder and Maternal Mortality.

The PA PQC anticipates that this work will continue into the October 2020 to September 2021 period. As a result, PA PQC birth hospitals that want to develop the supporting structures, processes, team roles, and skills to offer comprehensive contraceptive counseling, including IPLARC, between the October 2020 and September 2021 period should apply for the IPLARC Start-Up Awards. The start-up milestones outlined in Table 1 in the section, "Submission Process & Criteria," must be completed by September 28, 2020.

The PA PQC has been piloting work with birth hospitals to increase access to IPLARC, and these hospitals are problem-solving the logistical challenges (e.g., educating and training providers, stocking IUDs and implants, configuring IT and billing systems, providing patient-centered counseling, and tracking the percent who received IPLARC who desired IPLARC to make continuous improvements to their processes). To support this work, the PA PQC Policy Group is developing recommendations with payers, providers, and state agencies to problem-solve the administrative challenges (e.g., reimbursement and coverage barriers).

### TIMELINE

Start-Up Award Opportunity Announcement:	September 1
Application deadline:	September 28 (11:59 PM EST) on a rolling basis
Start-Up Awards Selected:	September 30 on a rolling basis
Start-Up Milestones End Date:	September 28

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### FUNDING AMOUNTS

Estimated Total Funding Available:*	\$45,000
Award Ceiling for each Start-Up Award:	\$9,000
Estimated Number of Start-Up Awards:*	5

*\*The exact number of start-up awards is dependent upon available funds.*

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Hospitals that currently participate in the PA PQC are eligible to apply for the IPLARC Start-Up Awards. However, PA PQC hospitals that are participating in the PA PQC's current IPLARC pilot are not eligible to apply for the IPLARC Start-Up Awards. Priority will be given to PA PQC hospitals that currently do not have the infrastructure in place to offer LARC devices (IUDs and implants) during the immediate postpartum period.

The Start-Up Awards are for individual hospitals and not an entire health system.

### SUBMISSION PROCESS & CRITERIA

By or before September 28, 2020 11:59 PM EST, please send the three items below to [papqc@whamglobal.org](mailto:papqc@whamglobal.org) with the subject line, "PA PQC IPLARC Startup Application \_ SUBMITTING HOSPITAL NAME". Please use the following nomenclature to name your PDF file: "SUBMITTING HOSPITAL NAME\_PAPQC IPLARC Startup App"

1. "Evidence of Completing the Milestones by September 28, 2020" that is outlined in Table 1
2. Your organization's W-9 form (<https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>) for where the monetary award should be made out to if your application is approved
3. The mailing address for where to send the Award letter and check to if your application is approved\*

*\*The mailing address must be associated with the organization (hospital) that is listed on the W-9.*

The applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, meaning the PA PQC will accept and respond to applications on a continuing basis between September 1 and September 28 or until the number of available funding slots are filled.

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*Table 1: IPLARC Start-UP Milestones*

Phase 1 Milestones	Evidence to Verify Completion of the Milestone by September 28, 2020
Identify and form an IPLARC quality improvement team to develop the supporting structures, processes, team roles, and skills to offer comprehensive contraceptive counseling, including IPLARC	At a minimum, a team roster (name, credentials, title/role, organization, and email address) must be submitted for the following roles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Women's health or family planning provider champion</li><li>• Administrative champion</li><li>• Data collection and submission champion</li><li>• Multi-disciplinary quality improvement and education team members from OB prenatal/postpartum offices and the birth hospital</li></ul>
Complete the IPLARC Baseline Survey	Complete the following baseline survey for your hospital's current state as of August 31, 2020: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QVGLS68">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QVGLS68</a>
Hold an IPLARC quality improvement team meeting to begin the process of creating a quality improvement plan to increase access to IPLARC	Provide a copy of the agenda and list of attendees

## QUESTIONS & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Please email any questions about the IPLARC Start-up Award opportunity and application to your hospital's PA PQC Quality Improvement Coach for guidance and advice on the application.