



## ***Substance Use Disorder and Substance-Exposed Newborn Work Groups***

### ***Background***

The PA PQC was launched in April 2019 as an action arm of the Pennsylvania Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC) to improve the identification of and care for pregnant and postpartum individuals with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and newborns with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS). To continue this focus and align with national efforts, the PA PQC is preparing to expand its focus from maternal OUD to maternal Substance Use Disorders (SUD), including but not limited to OUD, and from NAS to Substance-Exposed Newborns (SEN), including but not limited to NAS. To position the PA PQC for this expanded focus, the PA PQC is re-convening statewide Advisory and Work Groups to update its driver diagrams and quality measures for maternal SUD and SEN.

### ***Maternal SUD and SEN Work Groups***

A maternal SUD Work Group will update the existing [OUD Driver Diagram](#) and related [structure, process, and outcome](#) measures. A SEN Work Group will update the existing [NAS Driver Diagram](#) and related [structure, process, and outcome](#) measures. (Please click the hyperlinks to view the existing materials.) Each Work Group will be co-chaired by at least two content experts in Pennsylvania and will meet virtually at least once a month from mid-August through mid-October 2021.

In addition to drawing on the expertise within Pennsylvania, the Work Groups will also reference SUD- and SEN-related materials from national groups and other states.

The PA PQC does not anticipate that the existing OUD and NAS process and outcome measures will be affected. Additional guidance may be created for these measures, and other SUD and SEN measures may be added due to the expanded focus. This also provides an opportunity to update the PA PQC's key interventions for NAS and OUD based on new evidence since 2019.

### ***How to Join the PA PQC Maternal SUD or SEN Work Group***

There are two ways to join the Work Groups:

1. Inform your PA PQC provider team leaders that you would like to join one of the Work Groups. The team leaders, who complete the quarterly NAS and OUD surveys, can then indicate the Work Group representatives for your PA PQC provider team by entering the names and contact information in the surveys.
  - a. The [PA PQC OUD survey](#) includes the question for the SUD Work Group and the [PA PQC NAS Survey](#) includes the question for the SEN Work Group. The surveys are due by Friday, July 30.
- OR***
2. Complete this [form](#).

Once you join a Work Group, the PA PQC will send you the calendar invitations for the Work Group meetings, starting in mid-August.