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| **TO:**Chief Executive Officers, Chief Medical Officers, and Chief Nursing Officers |

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 **FROM**: Wendy Long, CEO, THA

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| **RE:**Resources to Meet the CMS Maternal Care Designation |

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| THA is pleased to share resources available to assist members in meeting the new [CMS maternal care designation and maternal morbidity structure measures](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ft.e2ma.net%2Fclick%2F477qqd%2Fof37sm%2Fgdgazh&data=05%7C01%7Ckend.basham%40vumc.org%7Cd57ad6f8606b46bbeb4608db200be96a%7Cef57503014244ed8b83c12c533d879ab%7C0%7C0%7C638139007753923462%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=xEnsDZfjCTabOW4pp8THdqxa%2F5IZQZOLiCT0D%2BU5dfM%3D&reserved=0). Tennessee is extremely fortunate to have a strong and well-established perinatal collaborative through the Tennessee Initiative for Perinatal Quality Care (TIPQC). While many of the birthing hospitals have participated in TIPQC projects for years, THA encourages all hospitals with obstetric services to participate in the upcoming TIPQC project to reduce Cesarean sections. **Participation is free and meets the criteria of the CMS maternal morbidity structure measure related to involvement in a state or national maternal care quality improvement program. The CMS new maternal care designation will be based on this attestation of participation.**TIPQC is hosting informational webinars in early March for the maternal project as well as their neonatology project. We ask for your support as leaders to encourage your team’s active membership in these upcoming maternal care improvement initiatives. Please see the information below for descriptions of the programs and links to register. Maternal Project: Promoting Safe Vaginal Deliveries (PVD)* (Reduction in C-sections), in alignment with the National ACOG Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM)
* [Click here](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ft.e2ma.net%2Fclick%2F477qqd%2Fof37sm%2Fw5gazh&data=05%7C01%7Ckend.basham%40vumc.org%7Cd57ad6f8606b46bbeb4608db200be96a%7Cef57503014244ed8b83c12c533d879ab%7C0%7C0%7C638139007753923462%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=7IihJzs3qxoMyR3Z89UYoYOLtuUC8ua2sxk3oecGW%2Fs%3D&reserved=0) for more information and to register for the informational webinar on March 3 at 2:00 PM CT.
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| Neonatology: Intraventricular Hemorrhage Project (IVH)* [Click here](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ft.e2ma.net%2Fclick%2F477qqd%2Fof37sm%2Fcyhazh&data=05%7C01%7Ckend.basham%40vumc.org%7Cd57ad6f8606b46bbeb4608db200be96a%7Cef57503014244ed8b83c12c533d879ab%7C0%7C0%7C638139007753923462%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=i%2FGlm3e%2BTPZf9nG8YicD4d1tTlhK8DkYM7ZA%2BJMDMkw%3D&reserved=0) for more information and to register for the informational webinar on March 9 at 2:00 PM CT.
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| For more information or questions, please contact Chris Clarke, Sr. VP Clinical Services, at cclarke@tha.com or Brenda Barker, Executive Director, TIPQC at bbarker@tipqc.org. |

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