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**Department of Health Care Finance**

# Maternal Health Advisory Group

Virtual Meeting via WebEx

Tuesday, June 17th, 2025

Meeting Summary

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| **Updates** | • Starting next month, the Maternal Health Advisory Group meeting will be 75 minutes long (11:00am – 12:15pm). |
| **Incentive Program**<br>*See slides 4-7* | • The TMaH Provider Incentive Program is anticipated to launch later this summer and will go on through calendar years 2025 and 2026.<br>• Eligible prenatal care providers can receive incentive payments for completing milestones, including completing needs assessments, cost surveys and participating in digital health and integrated care technical assistance.<br>• These activities will help inform the development of the future TMaH payment model, as well as strengthen providers' capacity to implement TMaH whole-person care elements.<br>• In the coming weeks, DHCF will reach out to eligible providers to share more information about the program |
| **Improving Data Infrastructure**<br>*See slides 8-10* | • The TMaH model aims to leverage data to improve care delivery by:<br>  ○ Enhancing care coordination.<br>  ○ Identifying high-risk pregnancies early and personalizing care.<br>  ○ Improving quality and accountability data sharing.<br>• The TMaH model requirements for strengthening data infrastructure include activities that enhance data collection, exchange and linkage. |
| **Digital Health: DC HIE 101**<br>*See slides 11-20* | • The Health Information Exchange (HIE) helps facilitate data flow across multiple organizations, promoting transparency and coordination across entities involved in an individual's care.<br>• CRISP DC is the designated DC HIE and supports the electronic exchange of health information in the District among participating organizations.<br>• The DC HIE has several user-facing digital health tools that support six core capabilities: critical infrastructure, consent, registry, secure messaging, screening/referral, and population health management.<br>• Digital health tools in maternal health care: |

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| | ○ Encounter Notifications: Enables real-time alerts for admission, discharge, and transfer data for groups of patients.<br>○ PopHealth: Provides population-level reports from clinical data, such as the Maternal Quality Measure Comparison Report which allows users to explore trends for postpartum and prenatal care measures.<br>○ LinkU: Allows providers to conduct social needs screenings and send referrals to connect individuals to community resources. |
| **Breakout Groups** | **Breakout rooms:** Discussions were divided by digital health tools – Encounter Notifications, PopHealth, and LinkU<br>• Encounter Notifications improve care coordination across providers, specialists, and hospitals by sharing real-time ADT alerts related to ED admission or discharge.<br>• PopHealth is useful for exploring trends and patterns to compare performance across entities and identify opportunities for improvement.<br>• LinkU provides a centralized place for referrals and screenings, helping to improve care coordination and connect patients with community-based services.<br>• Barriers to utilizing these HIE tools identified included:<br>○ Structural and data gaps, such as missing maternal morbidity and mortality data and social needs data<br>○ Limited data input from certain providers, as incomplete data weakens the usability of the tool.<br>Challenges with integrating HIE tools into existing workflows at organizations with established systems.<br>• Technical assistance is available from CRISP DC to help access and integrate these tools into workflows.<br>**Links for more information:**<br>• LinkU<br>○ LinkU Step-By-Step Demo<br>• PopHealth<br>• Encounter Notifications<br>• Register for HIE<br>• Contact CRISP DC at dcoutreach@crisphealth.org |
| **Next Steps** | • Next meeting is on Tuesday, July 15th from 11am-12:15pm<br>○ Topic: Managed Care<br>• Contact dhcf.maternalhealth@dc.gov with questions; meeting materials are posted on https://dhcf.dc.gov/page/transforming-maternal-health |