

Department of Health Care Finance



Maternal Health Advisory Group

Virtual Meeting via WebEx

Tuesday, March 17th, 2026

Meeting Summary

<p>AmeriHealth Caritas: Maternal Health Value-Based Arrangements</p> <p><i>See slides 6-23</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PerformPlus™ True Care Perinatal Value Based Payment (VBP) Arrangement: a LAN Category 3A VBP model using a pregnancy episode as the foundation for risk-adjusted shared savings tied to quality and cost efficiency.• Quality Measures: prenatal and postpartum care, behavioral health screening, maternal risk indicators (e.g., low birth weight), and preventative services (e.g., dental, STI screening).• Participation: an opt-out model for OB-GYNs, midwives, and family practice providers with at least 20 deliveries; ~10 providers currently qualify for this program.• Impact: improvements in engagement in postpartum and prenatal care, avoidance of preventable complications, and support in reducing disparities in maternal health.• Technical Support & Infrastructure: ongoing provider training and technical assistance; use of claims and encounter data for internal evaluations of provider performance; enhanced data infrastructure to support coordinated care.• Future Efforts: expanding quality measures to better capture maternal and infant health outcomes; integrating behavioral health and social determinants of health (SDOH); strengthening provider partnerships
<p>Wellpoint: Maternal Health Value-Based Arrangement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• VBP Arrangements: Wellpoint has four value-based programs ranging from LAN Category 2C to LAN 3A/3B (<i>see slide 25</i>).• Quality Measures: prenatal and postpartum care, blood pressure control, glycemic status assessment, social needs screening/intervention.• Participation: providers are recruited for these programs through open participation or targeted, performance-based outreach; participation occurs at the TIN level.

<p>Wellpoint: Maternal Health Value- Based Arrangement</p> <p><i>See slides 24-34</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact: increased first-trimester prenatal visits, improved postpartum visit completion, better chronic disease management, improved blood pressure and diabetes outcomes, and lower total medical expenses. • Technical Support & Infrastructure: use of an online reporting tool for providers to see their quality performance and other data; provider success representative assigned to each VBP participant; use of claims and encounter data for internal evaluations of provider performance. • Future Efforts: Pay-For-Quality program launching 7/1/2026 with added measures aligning with DHCF’s preferred measures list; plans to integrate behavioral health screenings and SDOH into maternal pathways.
<p>Discussion</p> <p><i>See slide 36</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both plans discussed their approaches to maternal health risk adjustment; AmeriHealth stratifies maternal risk based on condition-specific cohorts within their member population. • Providers who have participated in these VBP arrangements report operational challenges, including administrative burdens, usability of online tools, and limited financial return relative to the effort required to address patient barriers. • Participants discussed the need to refine attribution methodology, especially when care is transferred and costs transition out of the provider’s control. • Future improvements identified include focusing on expanded access to supportive services (e.g., mental health, doulas, remote monitoring), flexible attribution models, leveraging upfront payments for system-level improvements, and streamlined data tools like PopHealth.
<p>Next Steps</p> <p><i>See slide 37-38</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC Medicaid Doula Enrollment Training Classes hosted by Concentric Community Care and the Doula Learning and Action Collaborative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Training Dates: 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, and 3/30 • Next meeting is on April 21st, 2026 from 11am-12:15pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <u>Topic:</u> Care coordination • Contact dhcf.maternalhealth@dc.gov with questions; meeting materials are posted on https://dhcf.dc.gov/page/transforming-maternal-health