

Perinatal performance measure temporary pause FAQs

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1. **Why is the Perinatal performance being paused?**
 - a. To ensure accurate measure alignment and fair provider comparisons during the shift from bundled maternity care services to an unbundled structure starting January 1, 2027.
2. **How long will the pause last?**
 - a. The pause will apply to the 2027 performance year and will be reevaluated ahead of the 2028 performance year.
3. **How will this affect provider performance reports?**
 - a. Care providers will continue receiving quarterly performance reports for cost and quality monitoring.
4. **How will this pause affect gain-sharing and risk-sharing payments in 2027?**
 - a. There will be no gain-sharing or risk-sharing payments for the Perinatal episode in the 2027 performance year.
5. **Are care providers required to change any workflows?**
 - a. No. Clinical workflows and patient care processes remain the same.
6. **Will maternity unbundling impact other episodes of care?**
 - a. No. The coding changes specifically affect maternity care services associated with the Perinatal episode. TennCare will assess any downstream implications and provide updates as appropriate.
7. **How can care providers stay informed throughout 2027?**
 - a. Care providers should review quarterly episode reports, check their MCO provider portals, and watch for newsletters or updates issued by their MCO or TennCare.
8. **Who should care providers contact with questions?**
 - a. Care providers should contact Health Care Networks.

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