



# 2026 Provider Incentive Program

## Obstetrics Providers

Jefferson Service Area (STAR, CHIP, and Marketplace)

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# Our Members deserve quality health care. You deserve to be rewarded for it.

Community Health Choice (Community) is committed to improving the health of our Members by supporting access to high quality, cost-effective health care. An important component of our commitment is to reward Obstetrics Providers (OB) for improving targeted clinical quality results, promoting safe and effective patient care, and increasing preventive care services for our Members – your patients.

**We are pleased to share details about our Provider Incentive Program (PIP) for calendar year 2026.**

Texas Government Code Section 536.051 requires the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to base a percentage of the premiums paid to a managed care organization (MCO) participating in Medicaid or CHIP on the MCO's performance on quality measures. Community's PIP is an effort to align with state performance and quality measures.

## PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

To participate in the 2026 PIP, you must be in full compliance with Community's **Network Participation Criteria** requirements on January 1, 2026.



- Participation in CAQH Program
- Attested TPI number
- Not currently on any government exclusion list
- Hospital privileges at a participating hospital (or acceptable coverage agreement)
- Electronic claims submission via one of the following clearinghouse vendors: Availity, Change Healthcare (formerly Emdeon and Relay Health) or TriZetto
- Electronic funds transfer (EFT)
- Electronic remittance advice (ERA)
- Maintain an open panel

**You must have a minimum of 20 deliveries to be eligible for the PIP.**

- If the Member selects a different OB in the middle of her pregnancy, Community will pay the incentive to the delivering OB only.

**You must meet the minimum threshold for each quality metric.**



### Quality Metrics

The goal of our program is to target STAR, CHIP, and Marketplace Members who need one or more HEDIS®-measured procedures or visits completed during the 2026 measurement year and to improve performance in other measures as indicated below.

MEASURE	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION	WEIGHT	MINIMUM THRESHOLD
Prenatal Care (PPC)	HEDIS	The percentage of deliveries that received prenatal care in the first trimester or in the first 45 days once the Member is enrolled with Community.  Note: A Member must be continuously enrolled with Community 43 days prior to delivery through 60 days after delivery.	20%	≥ 85%
Postpartum Care (PPC)	HEDIS	The percentage of deliveries that had one postpartum visit on or between 7 and 84 days after delivery while enrolled with Community.  Note: A Member must be continuously enrolled with Community 43 days prior to delivery through 60 days after delivery.	20%	≥ 75%
Primary C-section Rate	Internal	The percentage of all first-time cesarean births regardless of how many babies a mother has already delivered.	20%	≤ 20%
Prematurity Rate	Internal	The percentage of all births with less than 37 weeks gestation based on the obstetric estimate of gestational age.	10%	≤ 9%
Cervical Cancer Screening (CCS)	HEDIS	The percentage of women 21–64 years of age who were screened for cervical cancer using any of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women 21–64 years of age who had cervical cytology performed within the last 3 years.</li> <li>• Women 30–64 years of age who had cervical high-risk human papillomavirus (hrHPV) testing performed within the last 5 years.</li> <li>• Women 30–64 years of age who had cervical cytology/hrHPV cotesting within the last 5 years.</li> </ul>	10%	≥ 65%
Potentially Preventable ER Visits (PPV)	3M	The percentage of all emergency room visits during the measurement year that are potentially preventable <b>(STAR Members only)</b> .	10%	≤ 60%
Prenatal Depression Screening (PND)	HEDIS	The percentage of deliveries in which Members were screened for clinical depression during pregnancy using a standardized instrument.	5%	≥ 10%
Postpartum Depression Screening (PDS)	HEDIS	The percentage of deliveries in which Members were screened for clinical depression using a standardized instrument during the postpartum period.	5%	≥ 10%



### Payment Methodology

- Community will exclusively use claims and current performance data available to determine rewards.
  - You must ascertain that your billing is accurate and includes all appropriate service and diagnoses codes.
- Community will issue one incentive payment for 2026.
  - The payment will be made in June 2027 to allow for claims processing and run-out.
  - The maximum PIP payment is \$300.00 per delivery.
  - Payment will be made to the entity associated with the Tax ID number to which the physician(s) are affiliated for claims payment.
- Community will only pay the incentive if:
  - You meet the required number of deliveries as of December 31, 2026.
  - You achieve performance in any of the quality metrics in 2026.
  - You must be an actively contracted, participating Provider in Community’s STAR, CHIP, and/or Marketplace networks at the time of payment to be eligible for payout.

Please note: This is an incentive program that Community may discontinue or modify as needed. Provider Participation in Community’s PIP is voluntary. HEDIS is a registered trademark of the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA).



### PIP Performance Summary

Below is a performance summary for illustrative purposes:

## 2026 OB Provider Incentive Program Sample Performance Summary

TIN	NAME	DELIVERIES
123456789	Community OB Provider	100

PIP METRICS FACTS				CURRENT PERFORMANCE		
Metric Name	Source	Weight	Minimum Threshold	Denominator	Numerator	Rate
Prenatal Care (PPC)	HEDIS	20%	≥ 85%	84	71	84.52%
Postpartum Care (PPC)	HEDIS	20%	≥ 75%	84	57	67.86%
Primary C-section Rate	Internal	25%	≤ 20%	100	17	17.00%
Prematurity Rate	Internal	20%	≤ 9%	100	4	4.00%
Cervical Cancer Screening (CCS)	HEDIS	5%	≥ 65%	10	10	100.00%
Potentially Preventable ER Visits (PPV)	3M	5%	≤ 25%	154	33	21.43%
Prenatal Depression Screening (PND)	HEDIS	2.5%	≥ 10%	100	8	8%
Postpartum Depression Screening (PDS)	HEDIS	2.5%	≥ 10%	100	11	11%

- You can access your PIP Performance Summary at any time via our Provider Portal at <https://provider.communityhealthchoice.org/>.
- Community updates the information weekly.
- If you have any questions, please contact your Provider Performance Manager.