



Payment as Part of a Quality Improvement Strategy

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Covered CA Contract Requirements 2017-19

- Work collaboratively with Covered California to promote and encourage all in-network hospitals that provide maternity services to enroll in the California Maternity Quality Care Collaborative (CMQCC) Maternal Data Center (MDC).
- Adopt a payment methodology progressively to include all contracted physicians and hospitals serving Enrollees, such that by 2019, payment is structured to support only medically necessary care and there is no financial incentive to perform C-sections.
- Contractors must either exclude hospitals from networks serving Enrollees that are unable to achieve an NTSV C-section rate below 23.9 percent from Provider networks by year-end 2019 or to document each year in its application for certification the rationale for continued contracting.



Implementation of Contract Terms

- A Quality Improvement Strategy with a Deadline
- Not a narrow network strategy
- Payment provides BOTH
 - Incentives
 - Revenue for implementation of best practices
- Credible because of work by CMQCC and PBGH pilot



Multi-Lever Model for Change

