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# Improving Ohio's Birth Outcomes : Medicaid Efforts

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# Maternity Care: A Medicaid Priority

- The “Hot Spot:”
- Neonates that require NICU care represent 0.2% of the Medicaid population, but consume 15% of the spend.
- Prematurity is the most common cause
- Medicare has not set a standard for this population as there are 50+ different Medicaid programs across the country

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## 1. Presumptive Eligibility

- The testing of this process has gone well.
- By January 2014, we are expecting that hospitals and FQHC's across the state will be able to render pregnant women presumptively eligible and have services be covered that day.
- Note: PE = FFS Medicaid x 60 days until full application submitted

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## 2. Continued Family Planning SPA

- Growing enrollment in part due to Benefit Banks
  - men & women
- Many misunderstandings: limited benefit package
- States that have PE + FP “waiver” or SPA have improved Infant Mortality Rates
- OH is late to the game, but now playing

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## 3. Medicaid Expansion

This one time opportunity allows approximately 270,000 women to have access to care, creating opportunity to get chronic health conditions under control before and after pregnancy

- Pre- and Inter- Conception care (PCC/ICC)
- Includes Mental Health & Substance use services
- Recent CDC grant awarded to OH seeks to measure the impact of Medicaid expansion on birth outcomes
- Allows for greater impact of the COIIN in conjunction with ODH & OCPIM

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## 4. Managed Care Plan Efforts:

### More timely identification of high risk mothers to provide enhanced services

- Pre-term birth, prior poor birth outcomes & medically complex risk buckets
- Allows for Pre- and Inter-conception care (PCC/ICC)
- Utilizing Vital Stats supports
- Enhanced services may include special Care Management, possible centering/group care, tobacco cessation, progesterone without barriers, support for breastfeeding including high quality pumps as indicated, attention to reproductive health

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## 5. Managed Care Plan efforts: Health Equity

- MCP contracts call for the collection and meaningful use of disparities information
- In conjunction with ODH & the Office of Minority Affairs
- Complements Ohio Equity Institute Efforts
- Capacity & implementation will be tested as part of a strategy to improve the frequency & content of PPV
- (Post Partum Visits)
  - Planned for the Cincinnati region
  - Evaluation and lessons learned to be elucidated before statewide spread

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## 6. Managed Care Plan efforts: NICU discharge coordination teams

- Coordination from in- to out- patient settings
- Shared responsibility tools
- Goals:
  - to eliminate any delays in discharge from earliest possible time ready to when can actually leave hospital setting
  - To reduce preventable post-NICU ED visits and hospitalizations
  - Transparency in transportation policies & coverage/county
  - Transparency & consistency in access to home nursing care, waiver programs & foster placement processes

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## 7. Managed Care Plan efforts: High Risk Care Management Program

- All infants with NICU stays of 7 or more days within the first 28 days of life will be enrolled in high risk care management

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## 8. Managed Care Plan Efforts: HUB Model

- Social factors including housing, transportation & access to care can impact pregnancy outcomes for high risk women.
- Participation in Community pathways or “the Hub” model of finding high risk women & connecting them to care, with payment for completion of each pathway or outcome > 2500 gm has led to developing a sustainable contracting & relationship-based continuity for better birth outcomes (still in progress).

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## 9. MEDTAPP/Medicaid funding support:

- QI efforts/BEACON/OPQC
- HUB evaluations
- Progesterone, standardized ultrasonography, taking to scale
- Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome
- Some evaluation of Maternal Opiates project

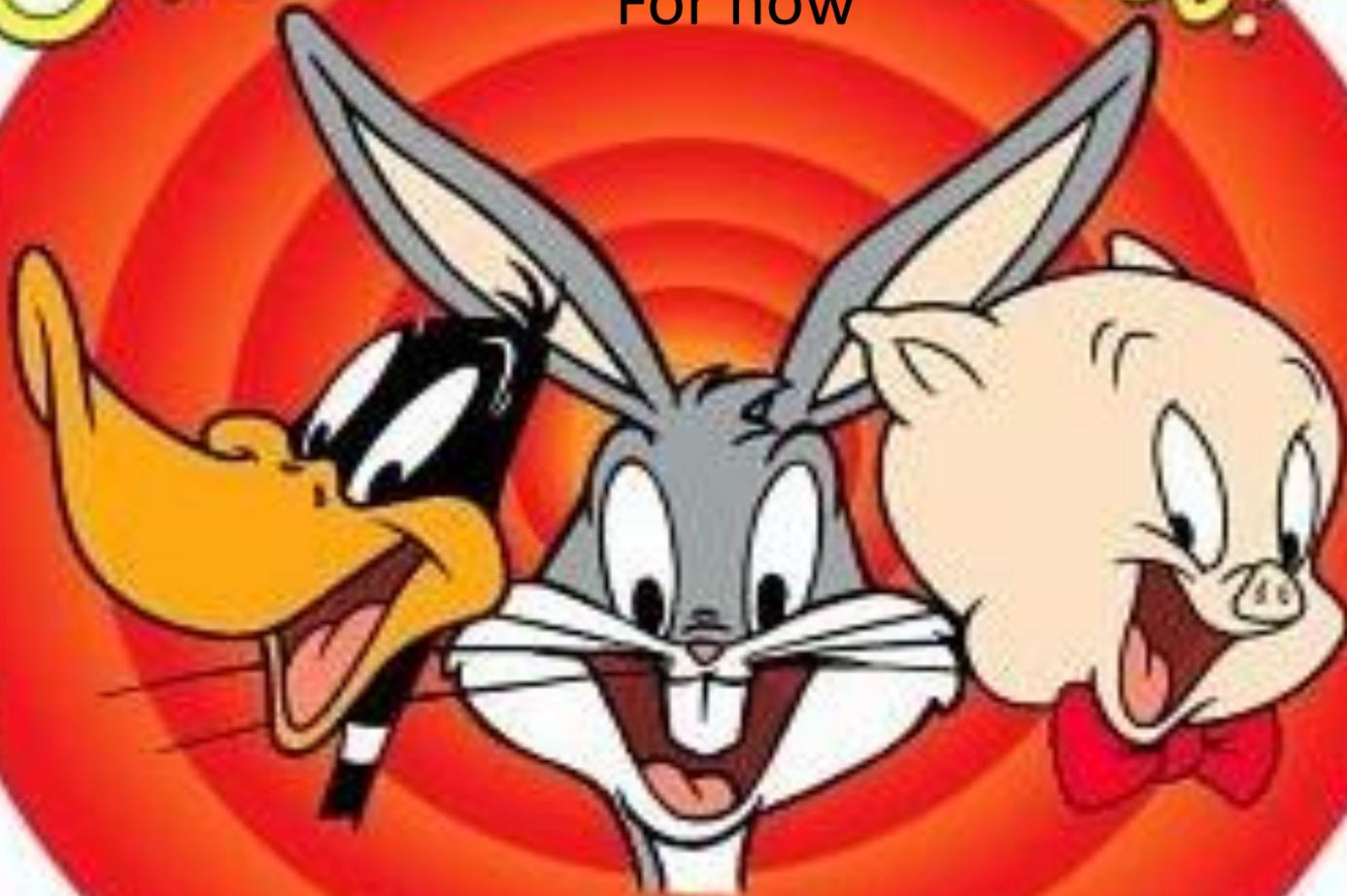
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## 10. CHIPRA/other funding support:

- NW hub development of mobile device applications for care coordinators to enhance information collecting & communication among social and health service providers
- Maternal Opiate Medical Support (MOMs)
  - Establish promising best obstetrical practice for opiate-using maternity patients in the context of integrated physical and mental care
  - Includes residential and other non-Medicaid services
  - Intends to make the business case for self-sustainability in conjunction with MCPs related to shortened LOS in NICU

*That's all Folks!*

For now



# Questions?

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