

April 3, 2020

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
United States Senate
Chairman, Committee on Finance

The Honorable Ron Wyden
United States Senate
Ranking Member, Committee on Finance

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Wyden:

On behalf of our nearly 500 member hospitals and health systems, the Texas Hospital Association appreciates the opportunity to provide information about evidence-based solutions to improve maternal health outcomes. We applaud the committee's work on this important issue and share in your concerns about the rising rate of adverse events for women and infants.

For your consideration, I am submitting a document outlining the TexasAIM initiative, which is a unique partnership between THA and the Texas Department of State Health Services focused on decreasing preventable maternal mortality and morbidity in Texas. We are very proud of this program, which was created in 2018. Currently, a staggering 218 birthing hospitals in Texas (97% statewide) are *voluntarily* participating in the initiative.

In TexasAIM, hospitals implement care bundles in the postpartum setting, the first of which was focused entirely on postpartum hemorrhage. Participating hospitals are divided into regional collaboratives where they meet regularly to participate in educational opportunities, review data collected and share best practices and lessons learned. The hemorrhage collaborative is set to wrap in late spring with a new bundle focused on hypertension to begin in early June. TexasAIM is also creating the first of its kind opioid-focused care bundle that will help address the unique needs of mothers and infants with a substance use condition. The program is being piloted in ten hospitals throughout Texas, with the goal to go statewide in the coming year.

THA has worked diligently with the state on this maternal mortality and morbidity prevention effort and is deeply invested in its success. Early this year, THA worked with the state health department to launch two promotional videos that describe hospitals' role in TexasAIM. In the [first video](#), hospital leaders across the state discuss the positive impact that TexasAIM participation has on their patients and communities. In the [second video](#), Texas hospitals discuss how they're implementing best practices to understand maternal mortality data, initiate collaboration, standardize processes, empower providers and save lives.

Additional resources are attached that provide a more detailed overview of the TexasAIM initiative and data captured from participating hospitals. Supporting Texas hospitals on the front line of the COVID-19 pandemic is demanding all of our attention at the moment, but we welcome an opportunity to speak directly with the committee about the important work of TexasAIM.



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Thank you, again, for soliciting feedback. If additional information is needed, please contact John Hawkins, Senior Vice President of Advocacy and Public Policy at THA, at jhawkins@tha.org or 512/465-1505.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ted Shaw".

Ted Shaw
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Texas Hospital Association

Cc: The Honorable John Cornyn



Texas Hospitals Working Together to Improve Health Care for Pregnant Women and New Mothers

Through Texas AIM, Texas hospitals are implementing evidence-based care guidelines to **improve maternal care** and **reduce preventable maternal mortality and morbidity**.

THA is supporting hospitals in implementing these guidelines and **measuring progress** towards the ultimate goal of eliminating preventable maternal mortality and morbidity.

TexasAIM Initiative

A collaboration of the Texas Hospital Association, Texas Department of State Health Services and Texas hospitals.



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THE STATE
that Provide
BIRTHING SERVICES



TexasAIM Focuses On

Reducing obstetric hemorrhage.



Improving obstetric care for women with opioid use disorder.



Reducing severe hypertension in pregnancy.



Texas hospitals **choose the level** of participation appropriate for them:

TexasAIM Basic

37 (or 17%) of the 218 TexasAIM hospitals are participating in the Basic program, through which hospitals have access to educational events, tools, basic technical assistance and support as well as a data portal to track progress.

TexasAIM Plus

181 (or 83%) of the 218 TexasAIM hospitals are participating in the Plus program. In addition to the benefits associated with TexasAIM Basic, hospitals have access to individualized technical assistance, facilitated learning, sharing, networking, rapid access to resources and guided support from experts in maternal safety and in quality improvement.

Texas hospitals are **dedicated** to doing whatever it takes to achieve zero harm and the **highest quality of care** in all areas of patient care.

Through Texas AIM, Texas hospitals once again show that **commitment to patient safety** and quality of care are job one. Always.



Questions

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TexasAIM Safe Care for Every Mother

Current TexasAIM Numbers | April 1, 2020

Hospital Enrollment

TexasAIM Basic Hospitals: 37 (17% of enrolled hospitals are in Basic)
TexasAIM Plus Hospitals: 181 (83% of enrolled hospitals are in Plus)
Total TexasAIM Hospitals: 218 (97% of birthing hospitals in Texas)

TexasAIM Hospital Cohorts

Cohort 1: 38 (17% of enrolled hospitals)

89% of participating hospitals are Plus

90% of hospitals in the region are in AIM

Cohort 2: 48 (22% of enrolled hospitals)

90% of participating hospitals are Plus

96% of hospitals in the region are in AIM

Cohort 3: 42 (19% of enrolled hospitals)

74% of participating hospitals are Plus

100% of hospitals in the region are in AIM

Cohort 4: 44 (20% of enrolled hospitals)

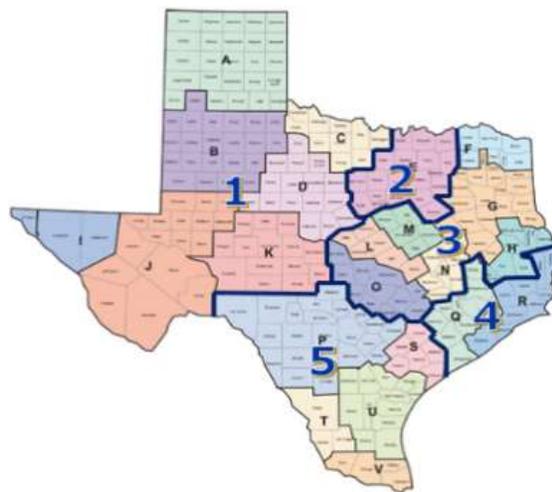
84% of participating hospitals are Plus

100% of hospitals in the region are in AIM

Cohort 5: 46 (21% of enrolled hospitals)

78% of participating hospitals are Plus

100% of hospitals in the region are in AIM



Geographic Area

Rural Hospitals: 92% of Rural Texas Hospitals are enrolled in TexasAIM (19 Basic, 37 Plus)

Urban Hospitals: 99% of Urban Texas Hospitals are enrolled in TexasAIM (18 Basic, 144 Plus)

AIM Data Center Portal

Registered Users in Portal: 552

Hospitals Active in the Portal: 215 (99% of enrolled hospitals)

Structure Measure Status (In Place/Not in Place):

Entered status for one or more Structure Measure: **210** (96% of enrolled hospitals)

Process Measures 2018, July-September:

Entered one or more Process Measure: **189** (87% of enrolled hospitals)

Entered all Process Measures: **174** (80% of enrolled hospitals)

Process Measures 2018, October-December:

Entered one or more Process Measure: **188** (86% of enrolled hospitals)

Entered all Process Measures: **172** (79% of enrolled hospitals)

Process Measures 2019, January-March:

Entered one or more Process Measure: **178** (82% of enrolled hospitals)
Entered all Process Measures: **163** (75% of enrolled hospitals)

Process Measures 2019, April-June:

Entered one or more Process Measure: **179** (82% of enrolled hospitals)
Entered all Process Measures: **165** (76% of enrolled hospitals)

Process Measures 2019, July-September:

Entered one or more Process Measure: **166** (76% of enrolled hospitals)
Entered all Process Measures: **153** (70% of enrolled hospitals)

Process Measures 2019, October-December:

Entered one or more Process Measure: **138** (63% of enrolled hospitals)
Entered all Process Measures: **128** (59% of enrolled hospitals)

AIM PI Data Portal*

Registered Users in Portal: 310

Hospitals reporting at least one metric for at least one month: 134 (74% of enrolled plus hospitals)

Hospitals reporting all metrics for at least one month: 43 (24% of enrolled plus hospitals)

*reported by Texas Hospital Association

TexasAIM Plus Learning Sessions

Learning Session 1 (Nov-Dec 2018)

Total Hospital Attendance: 164 hospitals
Total Attendees: 587 attendees

Learning Session 2 (Apr-May 2019)

Total Hospital Attendance: 169 hospitals
Total Attendees: 563 attendees

Learning Session 3 (Nov-Dec 2019)

Total Hospital Attendance: 148 hospitals
Total Attendees: 472 attendees

TexasAIM Plus Action Period Calls

Past Action Period 1 Calls:

Date: January 23, 2019

Topic: Quantification of Blood Loss

Attended: 265 participants

Date: February 28, 2019

Topic: Obstetric Hemorrhage Drills and Simulations

Attended: 219 participants

Date: March 21, 2019

Topic: Obstetric Hemorrhage Cohort Specific Calls

Attended: 158 participants

Past Action Period 2 Calls:

Date: June 27, 2019

Topic: Components of Readiness

Attended: 204 participants

Date: July 25, 2019

Topic: Recognition and Prevention

Attended: 175 participants

Date: August 22, 2019

Topic: Response

Attended: 171 participants

Date: September 26, 2019

Topic: Reporting & Systems Learning

Attended: 190 participants

Date: October 24, 2019

Topic: Obstetric Hemorrhage Cohort Specific Calls
Attended: 148 participants

Past Action Period 3 Calls:

Date: January 23, 2020
Topic: Simulation and Drills
Attended: 170 participants

TexasAIM Bi-Weekly Bulletin

Bi-Weekly Bulletin is Sent to: 1,241 subscribers