

**145.9572 MINNESOTA PERINATAL QUALITY COLLABORATIVE.**

Subdivision 1. **Duties.** The Minnesota perinatal quality collaborative is established to improve pregnancy outcomes for pregnant people and newborns through efforts to:

(1) advance evidence-based and evidence-informed clinics and other health service practices and processes through quality care review, chart audits, and continuous quality improvement initiatives that enable equitable outcomes;

(2) review current data, trends, and research on best practices to inform and prioritize quality improvement initiatives;

(3) identify methods that incorporate antiracism into individual practice and organizational guidelines in the delivery of perinatal health services;

(4) support quality improvement initiatives to address substance use disorders in pregnant people and infants with neonatal abstinence syndrome or other effects of substance use;

(5) provide a forum to discuss state-specific system and policy issues to guide quality improvement efforts that improve population-level perinatal outcomes;

(6) reach providers and institutions in a multidisciplinary, collaborative, and coordinated effort across system organizations to reinforce a continuum of care model; and

(7) support health care facilities in monitoring interventions through rapid data collection and applying system changes to provide improved care in perinatal health.

Subd. 2. **Grants authorized.** The commissioner of health must, within available appropriations, award one grant to a nonprofit organization to support efforts that improve maternal and infant health outcomes aligned with the purpose outlined in subdivision 1. The commissioner must give preference to a nonprofit organization that has the ability to provide these services throughout the state. The commissioner must provide content expertise to the grant recipient to further the accomplishment of the purpose.

**History:** 2023 c 70 art 4 s 65