



Texas Perinatal Services

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Are you Ready for Maternal Care Surveys?

After three years in the planning, the state implemented its new maternal care designation requirements in March. The requirements impact all hospitals seeking level of care designation for maternal care. The maternal care rules follow previously issued requirements for hospitals providing neonatal care that wish to receive state NICU designation.

Texas Perinatal Services, a division of TETAF, was actively involved throughout the legislative and regulatory processes, sharing our expertise and experience with the state as it developed both the neonatal and maternal care rules. [Learn more about the new rules](#), and watch our future blogs and newsletters for guidance on how to prepare for your maternal care survey and what to expect.

[View Rules](#)



TETAF Welcomes Its Own “Baby” – New Website Launches

If you’ve ever been a part of a website launch, you know it feels a bit like birthing a digital baby! That’s exactly how we felt this month with the launch of our new [Texas Perinatal Services website](#). We are excited to bring this site to life, as it provides a great home for news, information and resources all focused squarely on helping hospitals provide the best possible perinatal care.

In the coming months, we’ll be adding more resources, tools and education opportunities to the website. In addition, of course, you can use the site to [request your hospital NICU and Maternal Care survey](#) at any time. We hope you [take a look around](#), and [let us know](#) how we can make the website more useful to you.



Plan Ahead: Schedule Maternal Survey with our Texas Teams

Since launching our new website with [online survey request](#) capability, our survey coordinators have been busy scheduling the new maternal care verification surveys. We are honored with the trust placed in us. We've been providing perinatal verification surveys since the inception of the NICU requirements in 2016. In fact, more Texas hospitals trust us for their NICU surveys than any other provider. Why choose us for your survey? [Learn more](#).

Remember, NICU designation must be received by Aug. 31, 2018 – and maternal care designation by Aug. 31, 2020 – to avoid interruption of Medicaid payments. If you have not yet scheduled your survey, get a quote and let's get started!

[Request a Survey](#)



Want to Make a Difference in Perinatal Care? Consider This.

We all share a passion for providing the best care possible to mothers and newborns in our communities. What if you could take that passion and be part of making a difference not just in your community, but statewide?

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is seeking applications for two newly created positions on the Perinatal Advisory Council. The council is a critical conduit of information from stakeholders to HHSC. In addition, members will examine

utilization trends in neonatal and maternal care and recommend ways to improve neonatal and maternal outcomes. Interested in learning more?

[Read Our Blog](#)

Event: Perinatal Advisory Council - Cost Savings and Best Practices

Join the Perinatal Advisory Council April 24 in Austin to learn about best practices and cost-savings ideas for neonatal care. Also on the agenda is the Texas Department of State Health Services' Dr. Manda Hall, who will address maternal health and safety in Texas. The meeting begins at 10:30 a.m. at the

Health and Human Services Commission Brown-Heatly Building public hearing room. For more information on the location and agenda, or to access the webcast, visit the [HHSC website](#).



“Improving health outcomes for newborns and mothers is what this designation program is all about. Through these state-required surveys, hospitals are raising the bar for maternal child standards of care.”

- Brenda Putz, Texas Perinatal Services Vice President of Operations