

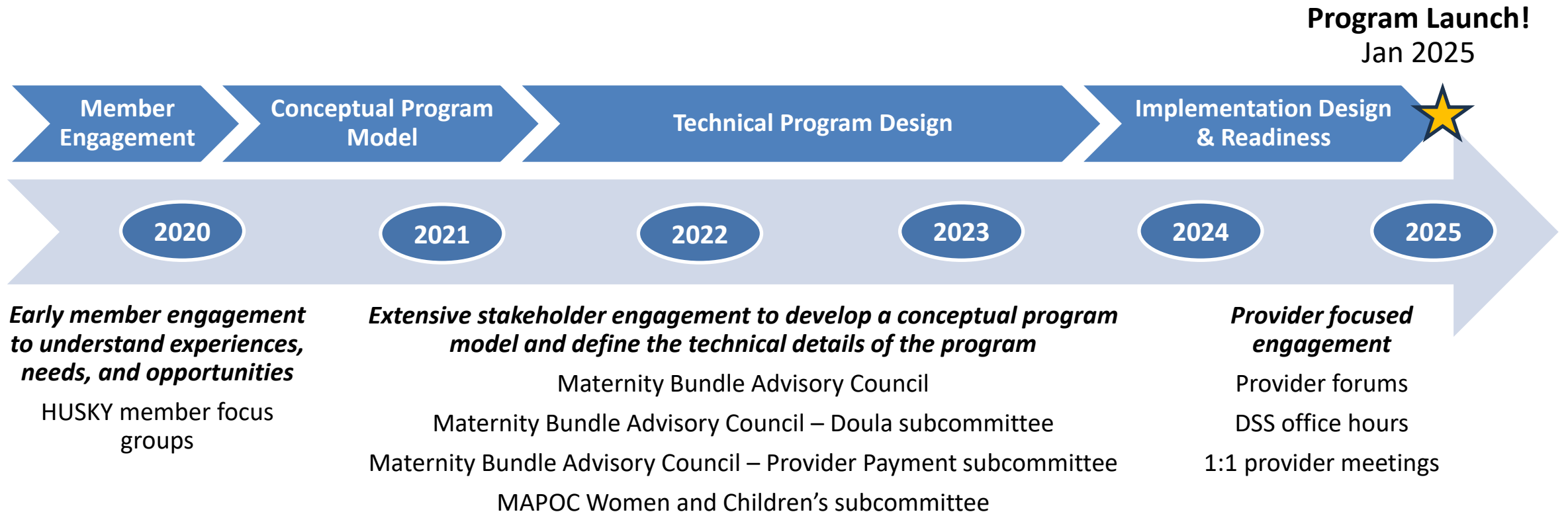


HUSKY Maternity Bundle Payment Program

Objectives

- Provide Context
- Provide Details
- Provide Next Steps

After several years of extensive stakeholder engagement and program design, DSS launched the HUSKY Maternity Bundle Payment Program on January 1st, 2025!



DSS maintained close collaboration with providers and stakeholders during the program’s first year and remains committed to fostering this partnership as the program enters its second year.

The launch of the Maternity Bundle Payment Program supports the transition from a traditional FFS payment model to an episode-based payment model for maternity care.



The current FFS system rewards providers for the **volume of services provided, regardless of quality or outcomes.**



The maternity bundle episode-based payment model **holds maternity care providers responsible for both the quality and cost of care provided during the maternity episode.**

Key Program Components	Value
Provider-specific “case rate” payments	Encourage flexibility in care delivery and incentivize early engagement with members, enabling practices to provide right care at the right time
“Incentive” payments (upside-only shared savings)	Providers who meet quality performance standards and lower costs relative to a target benchmark are eligible to share in savings – creating an incentive to reduce unnecessary costs and improve efficiency
New coverage of doula and lactation support services	Enhance patient-centered care through access to high-value, peer-based services
Equity-Sensitive Quality measures	Ensure high-quality care and improvements in care
Social and clinical risk adjustment	Rewards providers who care for Medicaid members with greater social and health needs

Under this program, Medicaid obstetrics or licensed midwife practices will be responsible for both the quality and cost of care provided during the “maternity episode” or “maternity bundle.”

Program Start Date: January 1, 2025

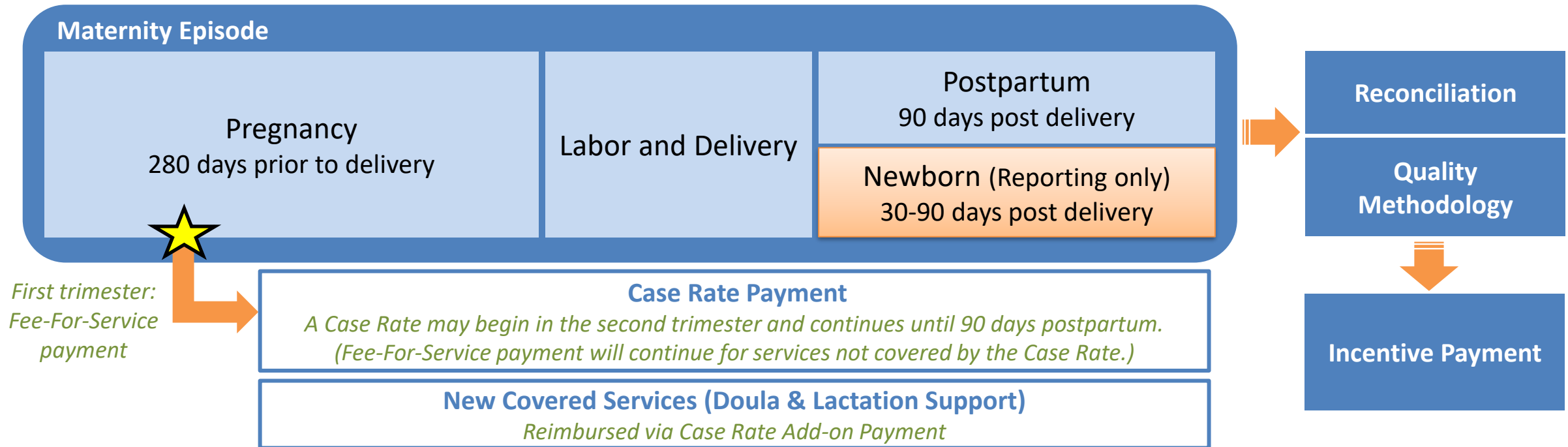
Eligible Providers: Maternity practices who deliver 30 or more births per year

Maternity Episode: An episode of care describes the total amount of care provided to a patient during a set timeframe. In this program, the maternity episode covers care through the prenatal, labor & delivery, and postpartum periods.

Program Goals:

- **Strengthen maternal health** in Connecticut Medicaid with enhanced flexibility to deliver person-centered care
- **Promote health equity** through program design and health disparity reduction targets
- **Improve health outcomes** and higher quality care through performance-linked quality measures
- **Increase patient satisfaction** with new coverage of community-based, peer resources
- **Reduce unnecessary costs** through greater efficiency and care coordination

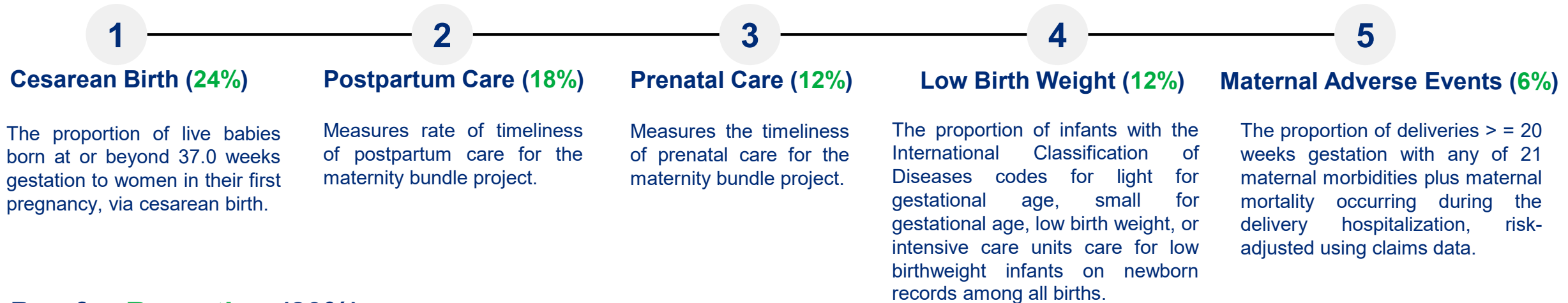
An episode of care describes the total amount of care provided to a patient during a set timeframe. In this program, the maternity episode includes services across all phases of the perinatal period, spanning 280 days before birth to 90 days postpartum.



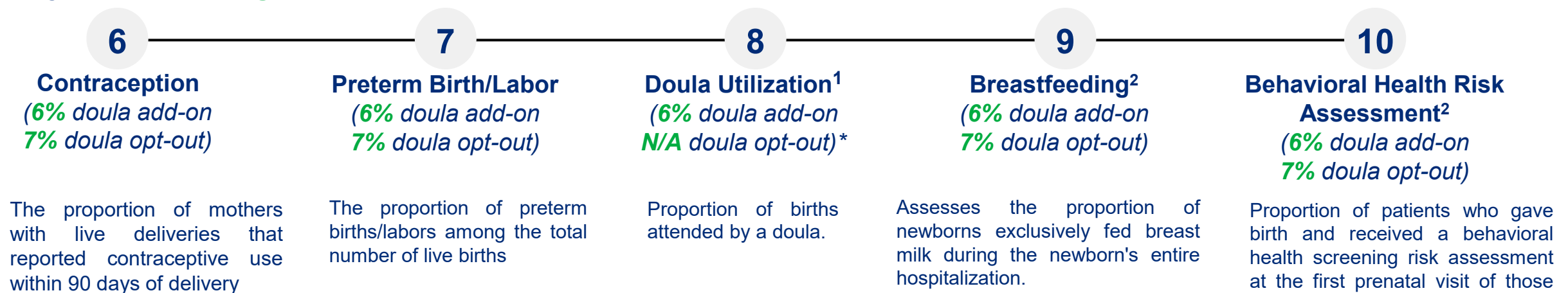
	Pregnancy	Labor & Delivery	Postpartum
Maternity Episode Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly prenatal visits • Routine ultrasound • Blood testing • Diabetes testing • Genetic testing • Doulas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care navigators • Group education meetings • Birth education classes • Preventive screenings (chlamydia, cervical cancer, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breastfeeding support • Depression screening • Contraception planning • Ensure link from labor and birth to primary and pediatric care occurs for birthing person & baby

This program has ten quality measures: five are pay-for-performance measures and five are pay-for-reporting measures.

Pay-for-Performance (71% Total)



Pay-for-Reporting (29%)



¹ 100% Encounter Form submission threshold required for measure reporting/payment.

² 90% Encounter Form submission threshold required for measure reporting/payment.

- The Maternity Bundle program provided new **coverage of community-based doulas and lactation supports** to HUSKY Health members!
- **26 maternity practices** successfully transitioned into this program with ongoing implementation assistance from the CHNCT, Inc. Provider Engagement Services team.
- DSS and CHNCT, Inc. also hosted **4 provider forums** and numerous **1-on-1 practice meetings** to offer provider-specific support.
- DSS distributed **3 quarterly quality reports** to give participating practices timely access to quality data during the performance year.

PY 1 quality performance and shared savings reconciliation results will be available in 2026.

- **For PY 2, DSS updated Case Rates based on risk adjustment and trend.**
 - For PY 2, DSS applied limited updates to PY1 rates to reflect more recent fee schedules and acuity adjustments.
 - DSS shared updated PY 2 Case Rates and hosted a provider forum to review the case rate rebase methodology in November. Following the provider forum, providers received the opportunity to submit written feedback prior to rates being finalized.
- **Otherwise, DSS will not implement any major program refinements for PY 2.**
 - Notably, as in PY 1, reconciliation will remain upside-only, in which providers may earn shared savings incentive payments based on quality and cost performance, but will not be held financially responsible for costs exceeding the target price.

For Performance Year 2 and subsequent years, DSS anticipates ongoing stakeholder engagement, program monitoring and reporting, and continuous program improvements to enhance the program.

Stakeholder Engagement

Continuing ongoing collaboration, support, and communication with Medicaid members, providers, and community stakeholders

Program Reporting

Continue to monitor changes in member access, practice revenue, and billing patterns to preserve HUSKY Health access to care and to monitor the roll-out of case rate payments

Provider Reporting

Continue to share timely data on quality and cost performance

Program Refinements

Regularly assessing and adjusting program design elements to ensure the program meets evolving needs and goals



Questions