

MIECHV Measure: Postpartum Care



The weeks following birth are critical periods for the newborn and the birthing person that can affect long-term health and well-being. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) used to recommend receiving a postpartum care visit 4 to 6 weeks after delivery. ACOG now recommends seeing a healthcare provider within the first 3 weeks postpartum, followed by a comprehensive postpartum visit no later than 12 weeks after birth (SOURCE: [ACOG, 2018](#)).

Measure: Percent of birthing persons enrolled in home visiting prenatally or within 30 days after delivery who received a postpartum visit with a healthcare provider within 8 weeks of delivery

What to collect:	Data on the completion of postpartum visit and the postpartum visit date (if applicable)
For whom:	Caregivers enrolled prenatally or within 30 days of giving birth and remain enrolled for at least 8 weeks after delivery
When to ask:	Assess at one point in time per eligible family; not necessary to report for subsequent pregnancies after home visiting enrollment

Measure Production Details

Calculate: Percent who received a postpartum visit with a healthcare provider

Numerator	Number of birthing caregivers enrolled in home visiting prenatally or within 30 days after delivery who received a postpartum visit with a healthcare provider within 8 weeks (56 days) of delivery
Denominator	Number of birthing caregivers who enrolled in home visiting prenatally or within 30 days after delivery and remained enrolled for at least 8 weeks (56 days) after delivery
Missing	Number of enrolled children missing date of birth or missing information on postpartum care visit with healthcare provider within 8 weeks post-delivery

Required Data Elements:

- Family enrollment date
- Family exit date (if applicable)
- Child Due Date
- Child DOB
- Postpartum health visit completed
- Postpartum health visit date (if applicable)