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Maternal Health Symposium

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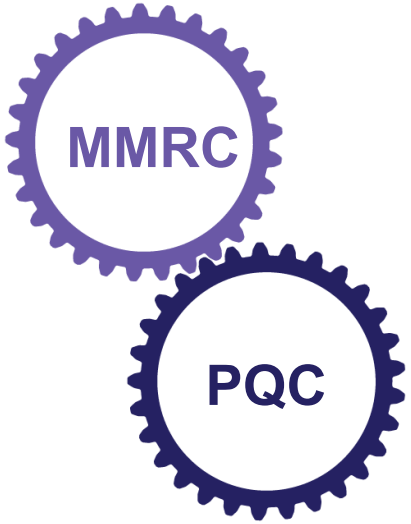

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Program Updates

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Learning Objectives

- Discuss strategies for social determinants of health (SDOH) screening, setting patient referral expectations, and building localized referral relationships
- Describe maternal- and neonatal-specific domains of SDOH screening
- Identify opportunities for improvement in existing SDOH screening and referral processes

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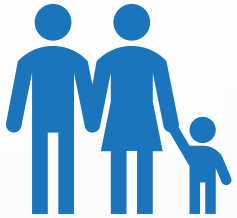
Mission: The PA PQC provides quality improvement support to healthcare teams to improve the standard of care for pregnant and postpartum people and babies.

Vision: Every birthing person and baby in Pennsylvania receives equitable, safe, and optimal care.

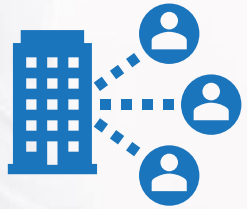
The PA PQC accomplishes its mission while maintaining our core values...


Equity


Lived Experience


Evidence-Based Practice


Data-Driven Approaches


Collaboration

New PA PQC Advisory Group Co-chairs

2026-2029

Jessica Miller, MSN, CNM
Lead Midwife, Guthrie Robert Packer
PA PQC Maternal Co-chair

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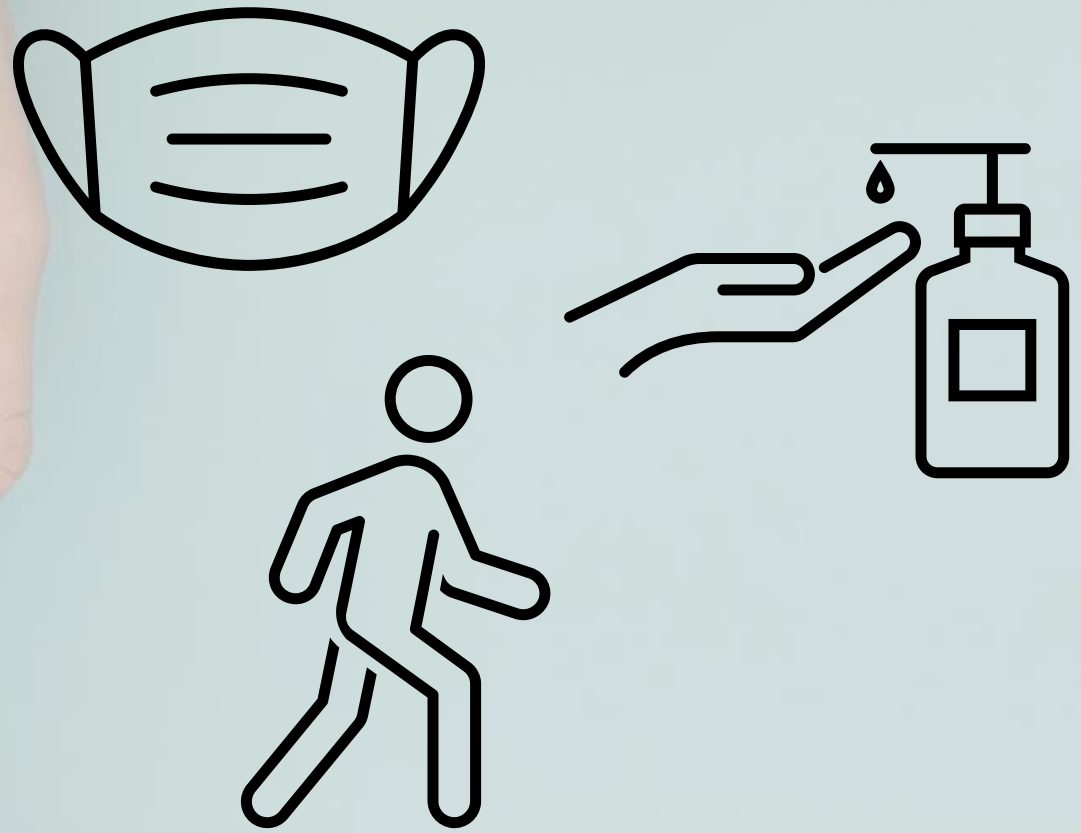

GUIDE MAP

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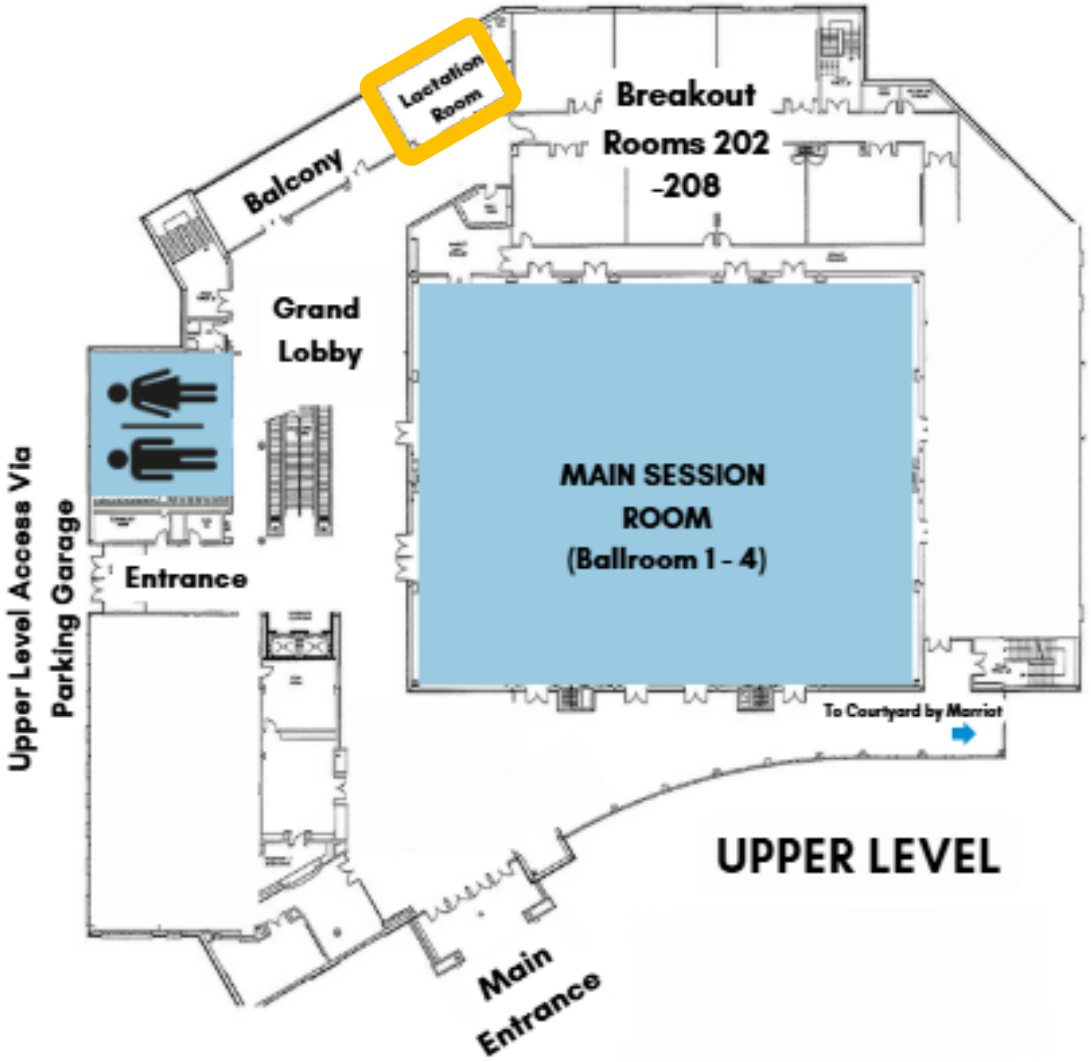

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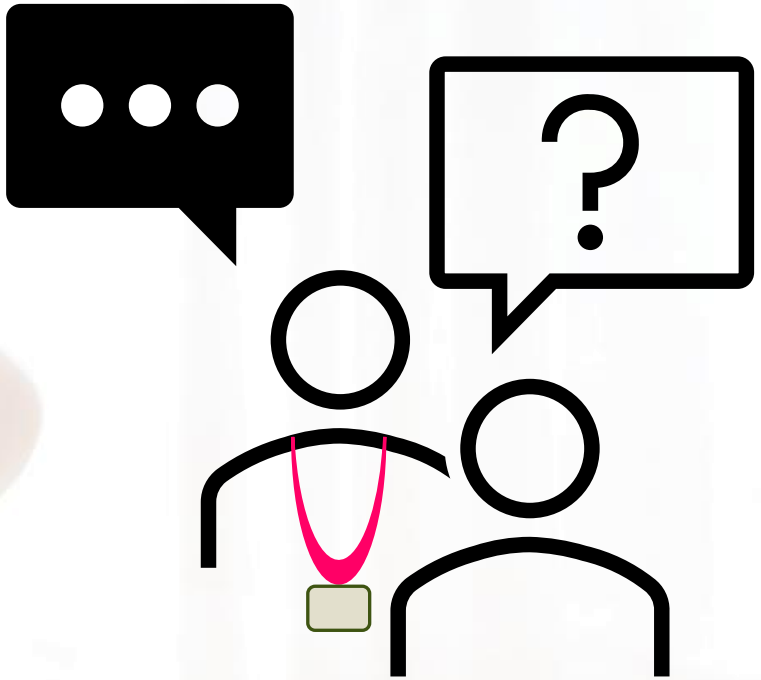
Maternal Health Project team have **HOT PINK** lanyards on



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Data Update 2025-2026

Objective to Achieve by March 31, 2026

GOAL: At least **50 birth hospitals and NICUs** meet the **Bronze designation*** for the April 2025 to March 2026 implementation period

55 teams received a Bronze Designation or higher

- 10 Bronze
- 4 Silver – Patient Voice
- 11Silver – Health Equity
- 30 – Gold

To earn a Bronze designation, teams must complete all 5 quality improvement milestones for at least 2 of the 4 quarters during the implementation year for a specific initiative.

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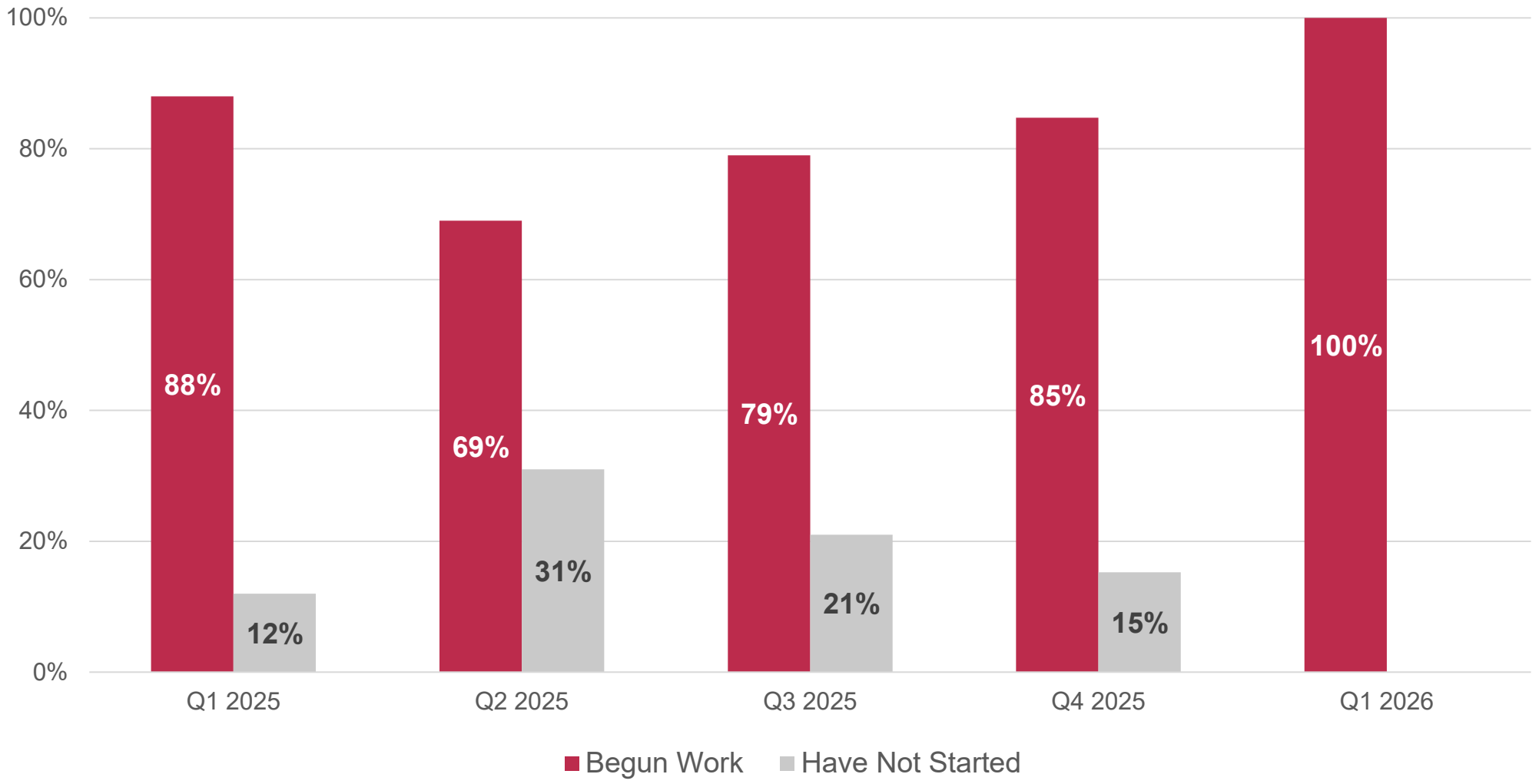

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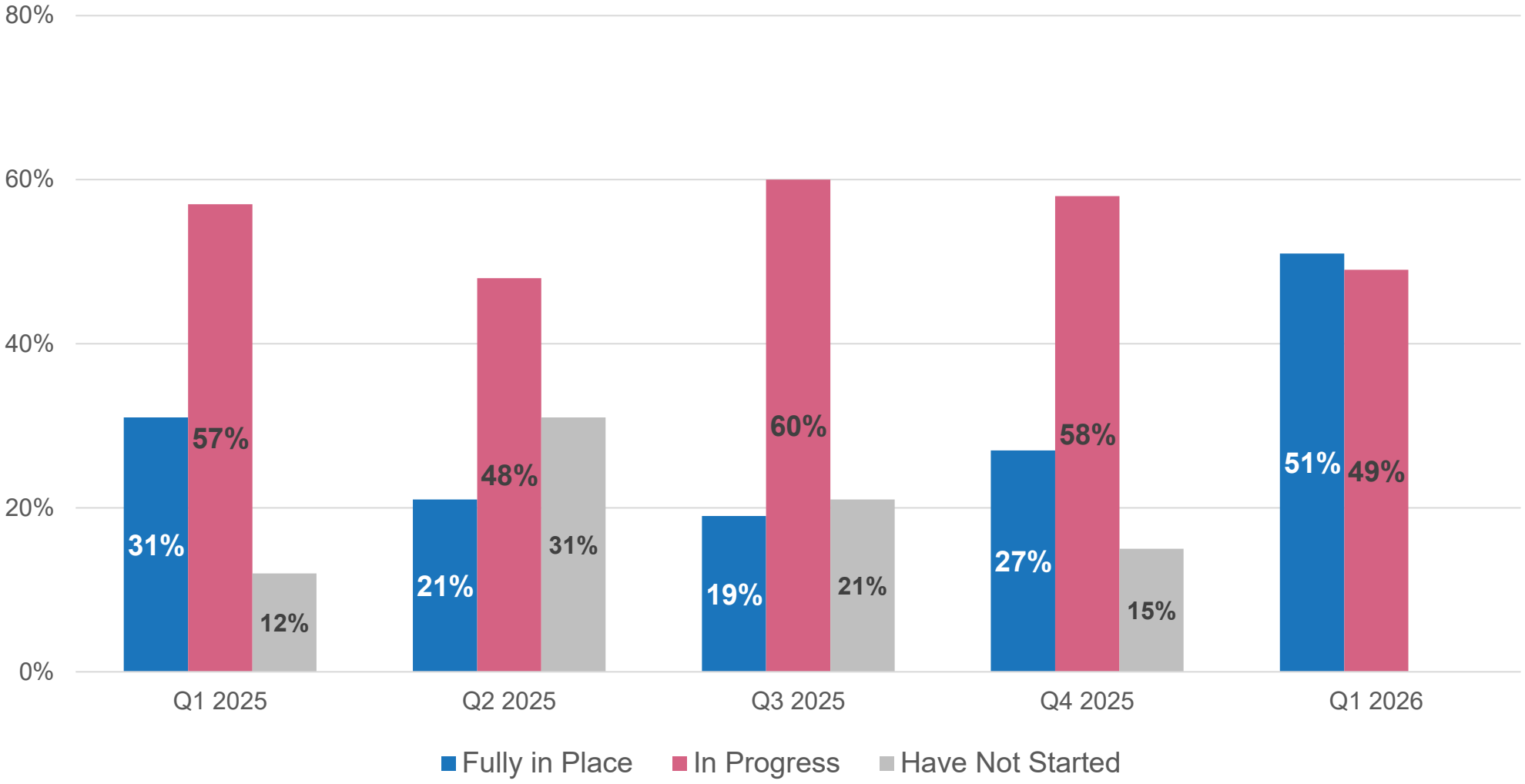

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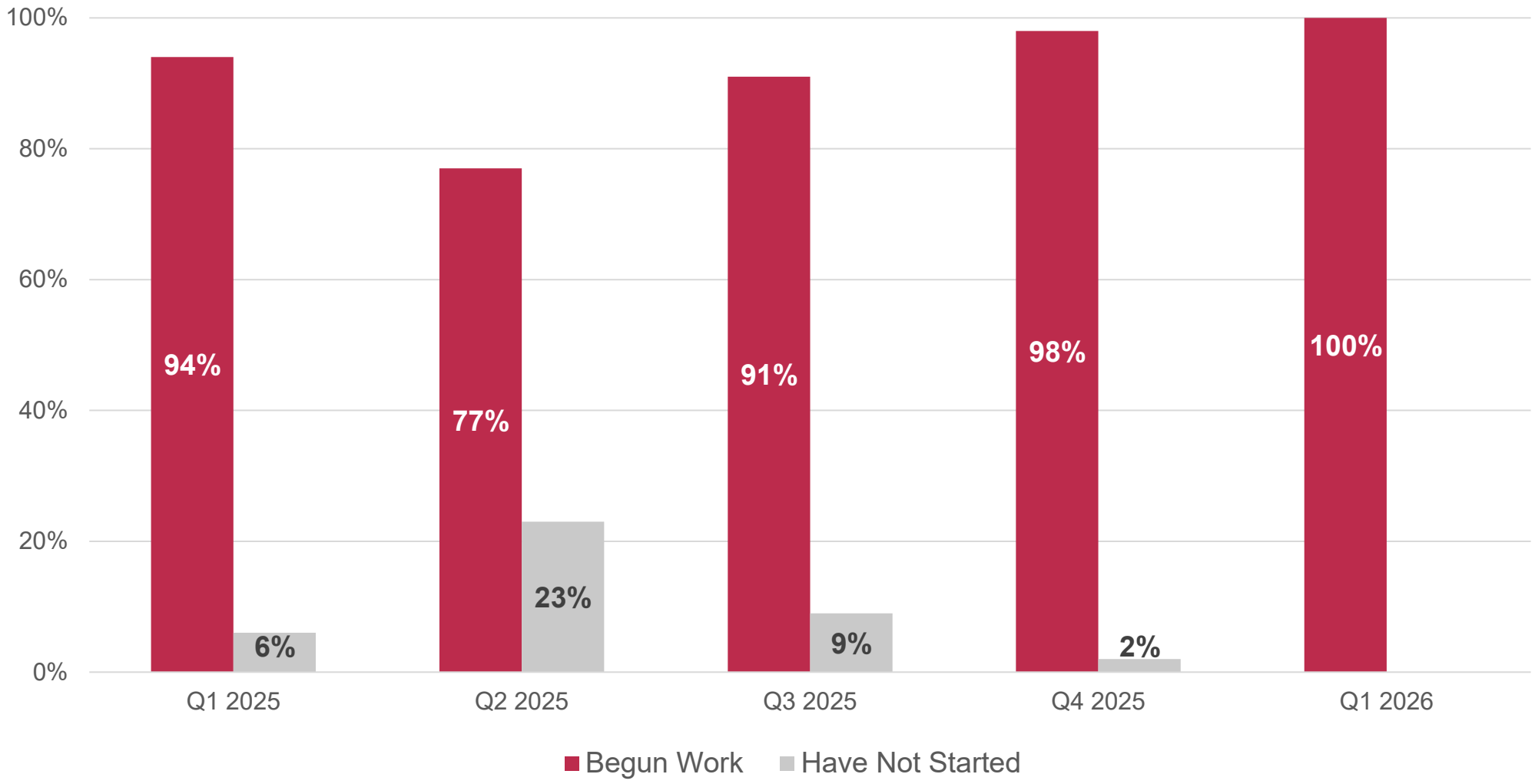

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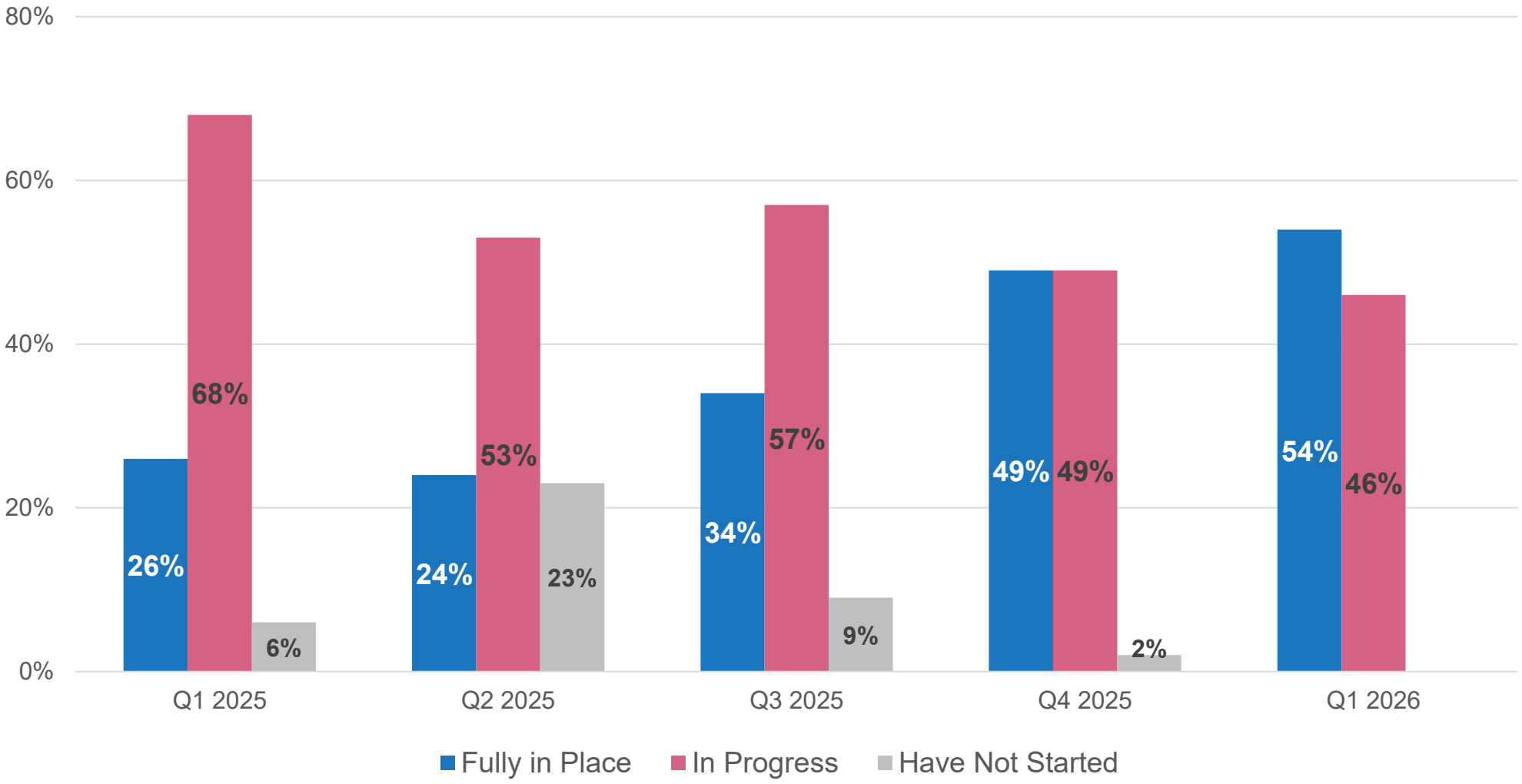

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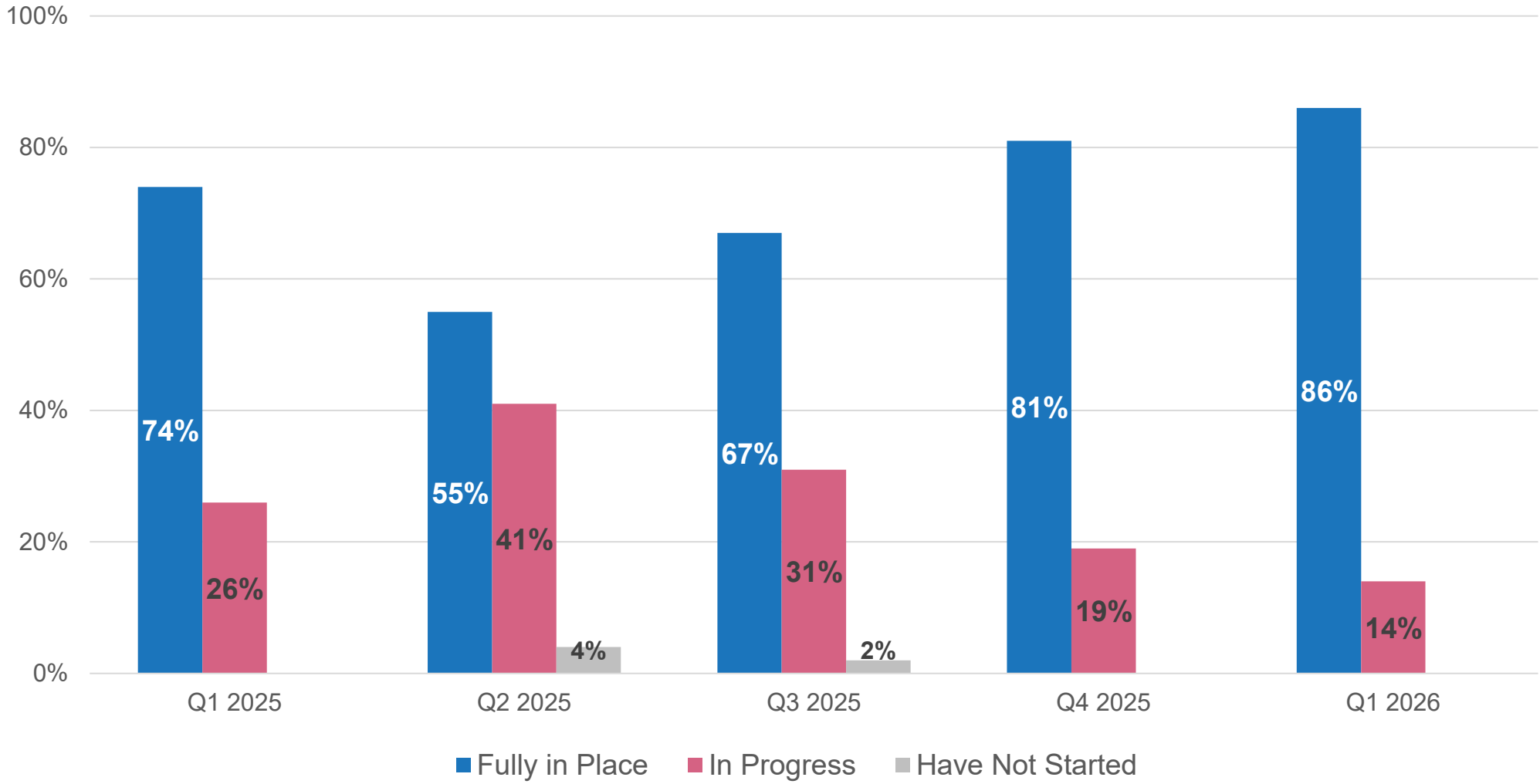
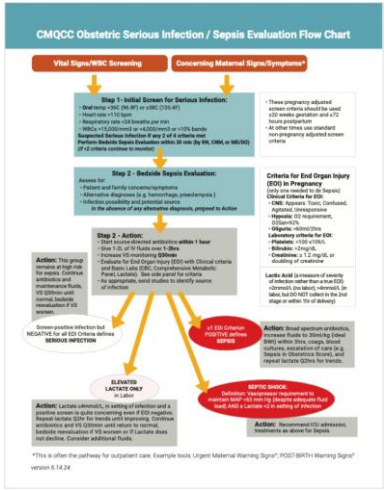


Goal: Increase from **55%** to **75%** of sites reporting ***having linguistically/ culturally appropriate patient education materials*** on urgent postpartum warning signs

Sepsis Successes in 2025-26 (Q2→Q1 2026)

28% → 51% sites have a standard order set for sepsis evaluation/management fully in place



22% → 47% sites have ED standardized verbal screening as part of triage process fully in place

59% → 81% sites have rapid access to laboratory results fully in place

41% → 74% who have begun compiling a comprehensive list of resources & referral pathways for obstetric sepsis

2026-2027 Implementation Year

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July 1 → June 30

Enrollment is open! Closes June 30, 2026

- Enrollment packet is on the website

- Designations:
  - Application opens: August 3, 2026
  - Application closes: August 31, 2026, 11:59pm

Enrollment survey

2026-2027 Implementation Year: Initiatives

Family Approach: Transitions & Connections

- A Family Approach to Postpartum Discharge Transition
- Prenatal and Postpartum Depression Screening and Follow-up
- A Family Approach to Services and Transitions for Opioid Use & Exposure
- Replicating Prenatal Plans of Safe Care Replication in Rural Counties

2 Sprints:

Fall 2026: Patient Care Discussions/Event Debriefs

Spring 2027: Comprehensive Postpartum Visit Template

A Family Approach to Postpartum Discharge Transition (AIM Safety Bundle)

KEY INTERVENTIONS:

- Verbal screening as part of **ED triage process**
- Process to conduct **debriefs with patients** after a severe event
- System for **scheduling postpartum and specialty visits** prior to discharge or within 24 hours
- Comprehensive **postpartum visit template** to share with affiliated outpatient sites
- A system for **scheduling the initial pediatric visit** prior to discharge
- **Screen for family risks factors**
- **Referrals** for follow-up services including medical, behavioral, and support services

A Family Approach to Services and Transitions for Opioid Use & Exposure

KEY INTERVENTIONS

- **Standardize discharge and transition process for people with OUD and NAS** to:
  - provide opioid reversal medication kits and education
  - educate families on harm reduction strategies
  - make warm handoff referrals to postpartum and newborn services
  - provide evidence-based guidelines
  - offer consultations for breastmilk feeding options
  - follow-up with individuals with the families after discharge to ensure connections to maternal and newborn services
- **Train** hospital leadership and staff on non-stigmatizing, **trauma-informed** OUD and NAS care

Prenatal and Postpartum Depression Initiative

KEY INTERVENTIONS

- **Universal depression screening process**
- **Provider training** for screening, diagnosis, and follow-up
- **organizational suicide risk response**
- **Co-occurring screening process** for positive depression screens
- **Follow-up protocol** based on the severity of symptoms and co-occurring health needs
- Protocol to **close the loop on referrals**
- Inclusion of **lived experience or community resources feedback** for QI
- **Consistent perinatal depression messaging** with partnering outpatient and community settings

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Health-Related Social Needs Screening and Response in Perinatal Care: Reflections from the Field

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