

Need a summary of key changes to **AIM's Severe Hypertension in Pregnancy data collection plan**?

This document is for you! Detailed information on changes to the AIM Data Center and side-by-side comparisons of original and updated metrics can be found in the **Data Transition Instructions & Summary of Revisions document**.

**Note:** *This document does not contain detailed descriptions of all changes but is intended to be a summary of most important changes and key points.*

## Key Data Collection Changes

### 1. Severe Maternal Morbidity (SMM) Including Blood Transfusions

In alignment with the SMM algorithm presented in **the Federally Available Data Resource Document** and ongoing data quality issues for coding transfusion of blood products, AIM **discontinued** all SMM outcome metrics that **include** blood transfusions alone.

### 2. Scheduling Postpartum Blood Pressure and Symptoms Checks

AIM **added** process metrics on timely postpartum follow up care for people with hypertensive disorders. Following **ACOG Committee Opinion 736 on Optimizing Postpartum Care**, metrics track follow up care scheduled for 2 groups of patients with hypertensive disorders: those who experienced severe hypertension persisting for 15 minutes or more and all other patients with a documented diagnosis of preeclampsia, gestational, or chronic hypertension.



### 3. Emergency Department (ED) Provider Education

AIM **added** metrics to encourage communication and education between inpatient Obstetric and Emergency Departments. This process metric tracks ED provider education on key issues related to hypertensive disorders in pregnancy.

### 4. Patient Education Materials

AIM **added** a structure metric for patient education materials on urgent postpartum warning signs that align with culturally and linguistically appropriate standards.

### 5. Emergency Department Screening for Current or Recent Pregnancy

AIM **added** metrics to encourage communication and education between inpatient Obstetric and Emergency Departments. This structure metric measures the establishment of standardized verbal screening in Emergency Departments for current pregnancy or pregnancy in the past year to facilitate recognition of obstetric patients and emergencies

## What's Next?

- ➔ If you use the **AIM Data Center** to report and/or collect data on process and structure metrics, these key changes will be live for the reporting period starting October 1, 2022. Please plan to report these updated metrics as communicated by your primary AIM contact.
- ➔ If you use **a platform other than the AIM Data Center** to report and/or collect data on process and structure metrics, please report data as specified and communicated by your primary AIM contact.
- ➔ **If you are a facility team** implementing AIM's Severe Hypertension in Pregnancy patient safety bundle, please reach out to your primary AIM contact if you have any questions.
- ➔ **If you are an AIM state or jurisdiction team** facilitating the implementation of AIM's Severe Hypertension in Pregnancy patient safety bundle, please reach out to the AIM Data Team at [aimdatasupport@acog.org](mailto:aimdatasupport@acog.org) if you have any questions.

