



Saying goodbye to Infant Medical Director... Scott Osborn Guthrie, MD



Dr. Scott Guthrie has spent 2 years as the Infant Medical Director. Dr. Guthrie has helped to develop several QI projects including the Tennessee Tiniest Babies (TTB) which includes the Optimal Cord Clamping Project and the IVH project, along with a couple of future TTB projects. Dr. Guthrie is passionate about sharing QI innovations around the world - speaking in Azerbaijan, Ethiopia, and Jordan, as well as PAS during his tenure with TIPQC. We want to thank Dr. Guthrie for his continued efforts for the families of Tennessee, and willingness to remain as a state leader for many of our projects. Thank you Dr. Guthrie for your vision and leadership these last 2 years!

Key Healthy Mom Healthy Baby Tennessee Podcasts with Dr. Scott Guthrie





TIPQC received American Board of Pediatrics Maintenance of Certification credit for all physicians participating in the Optimal Cord Clamping Project (OCC). Please contact Steven.compton@tipqc.org for more information or instructions on how to claim your MOC. Watch for future announcement for MOC for Maternal Providers.



June Simulation Training on Obstetric & Infant Emergencies

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June 21 -- Indian Path Community Hospital, Kingsport (NE TN)

June 26 -- Ascension St. Thomas Riverpark, McMinnville (Middle TN)

June 27 -- Hardin Medical Center, Savannah (West TN)

June 28 -- LeConte Medical Center, Sevierville, (East TN)

[Register Here](#)

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Additional Events and Resources

Maternal Mortality Review Committee Notifications

The Tennessee Maternal Mortality Review Committee has issued notifications from its Dec. 2022 and Feb. 2023 review of maternal mortality cases, which reflect emerging issues for providers, healthcare facilities, and organizations. Please share internally with your providers, so everyone will benefit from the review findings.

[MMRC Quarterly Notifications 2023 Review](#)

[MMRC Quarterly Notifications 2022 Review](#)

Worse Pregnancy Outcomes with COVID-19 at Delivery [HEALIO]

Pregnant women with COVID-19 infection at delivery in the U.S. experienced substantial adverse outcomes early during the pandemic, researchers reported. Pregnant women with COVID-19 at delivery

had a higher likelihood of developing severe maternal morbidity compared with those without COVID-19. To read more please [visit](#).

Report: More than half of all rural Tennessee hospitals no longer deliver babies

More than half of all rural Tennessee hospitals no longer deliver babies — a trend that shows no clear signs of reversal while pregnant patients outside major metropolitan areas routinely drive an hour, or more, in order to give birth. Just 28 of 52 of the state’s rural hospitals that are still in operation provide obstetric services, according to a new report issued by the Center for Healthcare Quality & Payment Reform. The organization called the constriction of rural obstetric services a “crisis in rural maternity care.” To read more please [visit](#).

Respectful, Equitable Care Certification

Webinar Opportunity:

Starting June 1, 2023, members with TennCare Medicaid (including TennCareSelect) and CoverKids coverage may receive outpatient lactation consultation services from in-network providers as a separate, reimbursable benefit. For more information such as who can provide these services, how to get reimbursed, or how to become a TennCare provider, visit this TennCare’s [Lactation Provider](#) website.

Co-hosted with the states managed care organizations (Amerigroup, BlueCare, and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan) TennCare will be hosting a webinar to share further details regarding the new benefit on July 11, 2023, from 12PM-1PM CST. Intended audience are those interested in providing the benefit to TennCare members. Please visit the [webinar registration](#) to register for the event.



Are you a Certified Lactation Counselor or Certified Lactation Educator who is interested in providing lactation support to TennCare members?

Starting June 1, 2023, TennCare members are eligible for outpatient lactation consultation benefits during pregnancy and postpartum.

Lactation support can be in-person or via telehealth in a 1-on-1 or group setting before childbirth and after delivery.

How does it work?

CLCs and CLEs can provide lactation support services to TennCare members as an employee of an in-network practice or group while under the supervision of a registered, in-network TennCare provider.

Authorized supervisors of lactation services include in-network MDs, DOs, NPs, PAs, certified nurse midwives, and IBCLCs. Supervision can be off-site or remote.

For questions, reach out to:

 Amerigroup: 615-232-2160

 BlueCare: 1-800-924-7141

 UnitedHealthcare: 1-800-690-1606

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Are you an International Board-Certified Lactation Consultant who is interested in providing lactation support to TennCare members?

Starting June 1, 2023, TennCare members are eligible for outpatient lactation consultation benefits during pregnancy and postpartum.

How Does it Work?

International Board-Certified Lactation Consultants (IBCLCs) can join the TennCare network of providers and be reimbursed for lactation support provided to members.

In-network IBCLCs can be reimbursed for telehealth and in-person lactation support provided in a 1-on-1 or group setting before childbirth and after delivery.

If you're interested in becoming a TennCare provider, follow these steps:

1. Request a Medicaid ID by visiting: [TN.gov/TennCare/providers/provider-registration/how-to-apply](https://tn.gov/TennCare/providers/provider-registration/how-to-apply)
2. Once registered, reach out to TennCare's Managed Care Organizations to request a contract:

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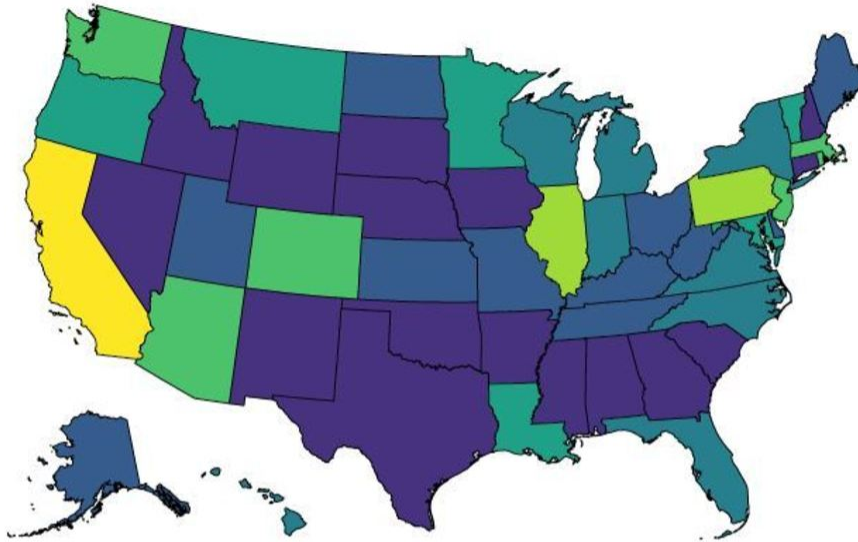
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First Ever Maternal Mental Health Report Card

The inaugural Maternal Mental Health Report Card provides the first-ever comprehensive view into the state of maternal mental health in America. The U.S. is failing mothers – only scoring a D grade. Just one state has received the highest grade of a B-, and 42 received Ds and Fs. For more information please [visit](#). The report card grades states in three domains:

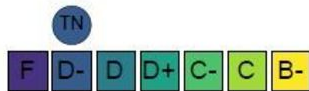
- Providers and Programs
- Screening and Screening Reimbursement
- Insurance Coverage and Payment



D-

Tennessee

Providers & Programs	D
Screening & Screening Reimbursement	F
Insurance Coverage & Treatment Payment	D



41 Certified PMH Providers

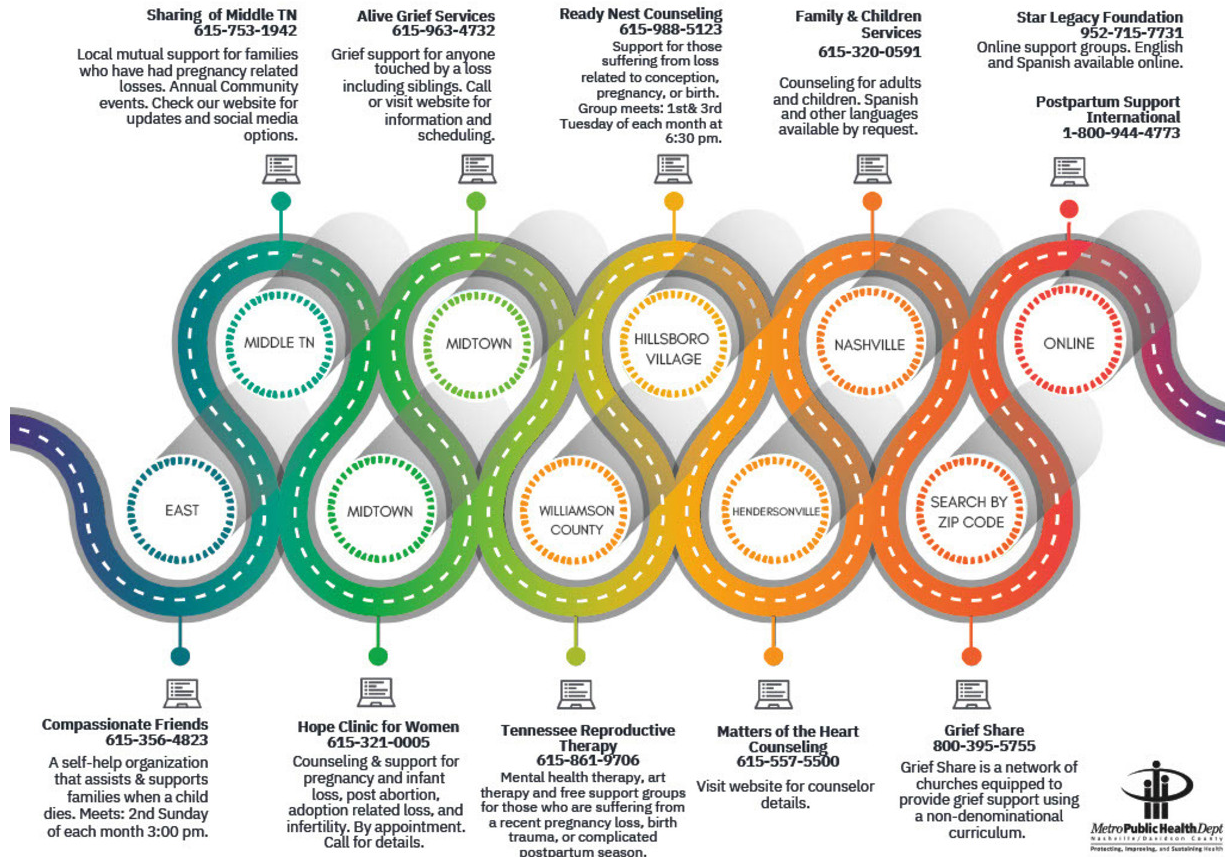
11 Licensed Prescribers



Maternal Mental Health Hotline

Toll-free Hotline: 1-833-TLC-MAMA (1-833-852-6262). [Read more.](#)

SUPPORT RESOURCES AFTER A PREGNANCY OR INFANT LOSS



Congratulations on completing AWHONN POST BIRTH Warning Signs Training



Call 911 if you have:	☐ Pain in chest ☐ Obstructed breathing or shortness of breath ☐ Seizures ☐ Thoughts of hurting yourself or someone else
Call your healthcare provider if you have: (If you can't reach your provider, go to urgent care, an emergency room, or call 911)	☐ Bleeding, soaking through one pad/hour, or blood clots, the size of an egg or bigger ☐ Incision that is not healing ☐ Red or swollen leg, that is painful or warm to touch ☐ Temperature of 100.4°F or higher ☐ Headache that does not get better, even after taking medicine, or bad headache with vision changes

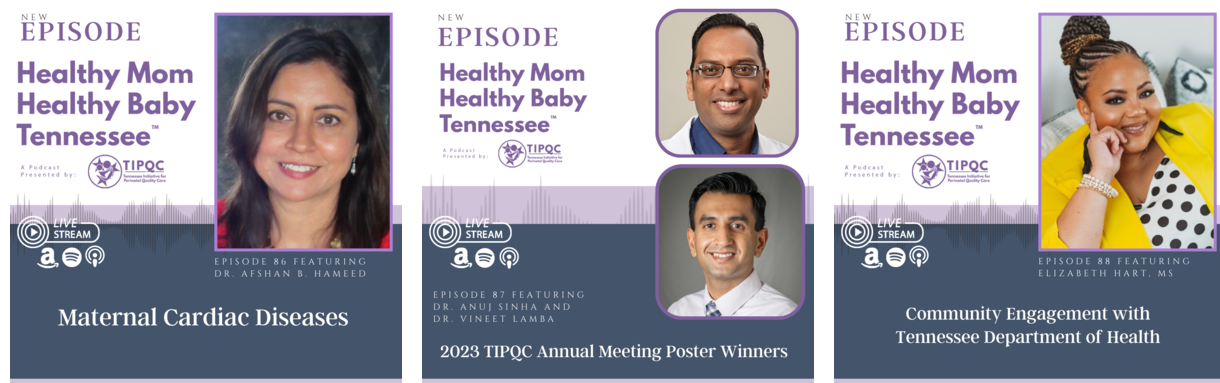
Call your healthcare provider immediately if experiencing any of these symptoms - when speaking with 911 or upon arrival at the medical facility, let providers know that you have been pregnant in the last 12 months.



- Ascension Saint Thomas Midtown Hospital
- Bristol Regional Medical Center
- Children's Hospital at Erlanger
- West Tennessee Healthcare Jackson Madison County General Hospital
- Tennova Healthcare Newport Regional Medical Center
- Regional One Health
- West Tennessee Healthcare Volunteer Hospital
- Bristol Regional



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