



*Anderson Hospital
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Dear Anderson Hospital Executive Leadership and Obstetric Leadership,

Congratulations! The Illinois Perinatal Quality Collaborative (ILPQC) is proud to recognize **Anderson Hospital** as a recipient of the **2025 Illinois Birthing Hospital Quality Star Award** through the ILPQC Birth Quality Designation Program, funded by the **BCBSIL Special Beginnings® Program**.

This award celebrates your hospital's **commitment to advancing equitable, high-quality perinatal care** and your team's **progress in implementing key strategies** from the *Promoting Vaginal Birth (PVB)* and *Birth Equity (BE)* initiatives. Your dedication to sustainability, reducing primary cesareans, addressing disparities, and promoting respectful and patient-centered care has made a measurable difference for birthing persons and families across Illinois.

Through your efforts, your team has demonstrated:

- Strong participation in ILPQC initiatives and learning collaboratives.
- Meaningful engagement of patient partners, community partners, and doulas to promote equitable and respectful care.
- Data-driven improvements in reducing disparities in NTSV cesarean rates.
- Integration of quality improvement and sustainability practices into daily workflows.

We commend your leadership and dedication to achieving these outcomes. Your team's success contributes to statewide progress toward equitable, safe, and respectful perinatal care for all birthing persons in Illinois.

As an **IL Birthing Hospital Quality Star Award** recipient, your hospital is well positioned to achieve the Birth Quality Excellence Award (Tier 1) in 2026. By continuing to build upon your current strategies and sustaining progress in Promoting Vaginal Birth and Birth Equity initiatives and engaging with ILPQC Perinatal Mental Health Initiative kicked off this year, your team will be strong contenders for the top-tier Illinois Birth Quality Designation and corresponding \$20,000 award next year.

As an IL Birthing Hospital Quality Star Award recipient, your hospital will receive:

- **Statewide recognition** as a leader in birth quality improvement.
- A **monetary award of \$10,000** to support your OB hospital teams continued OB Quality Improvement efforts



- **Celebration during the ILPQC Annual Conference on November 12, 2025**, at the Westin Chicago Lombard.

We look forward to recognizing your team's achievements and sharing your success with other hospital teams across Illinois.

We will launch information for the 2026 Illinois Birth Quality Designation Program early in the new year. We look forward to working with your OB QI Team on the ILPQC Perinatal Mental Health Initiative QI efforts and ongoing efforts to engage patient and community partners and provide equitable, respectful high quality perinatal care in 2026.

Thank you again for your partnership, dedication, and continued commitment to improving outcomes for birthing persons and their families. Please contact info@ilpqc.org with any specific questions, comments, or concerns.

With appreciation,

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