# IT-8.3: Early Elective Delivery

| **Measure Title** | **IT-8.3 Early Elective Delivery** |
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| **Description** | This measure assesses patients with elective vaginal deliveries or elective cesarean sections at >= 37 and < 39 weeks of gestation completed. This measure is a part of a set of five nationally implemented measures that address perinatal care (PC-02: Cesarean Section, PC-03: Antenatal Steroids, PC-04: Health Care-Associated Bloodstream Infections in Newborns, PC-05: Exclusive Breast Milk Feeding) |
| **NQF Number** | 0469 |
| **Measure Steward** | The Joint Commission |
| **Link to measure citation** | <https://www.qualityforum.org/QPS/0469>  |
| **Measure type** | Stand-alone (SA) |
| **Performance and Achievement Type**  | Pay for Performance (P4P) – Improvement Over Self (IOS)

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|  | DY4 | DY5 |
| Achievement Level Calculation | Baseline - 5% \*(performance gap) =Baseline - 5% \*(0% – Baseline rate) | Baseline - 10% \*(performance gap) =Baseline - 10% \*(0% – Baseline rate) |

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| **DSRIP-specific modifications to Measure Steward’s specification** | The Measure Steward’s specification has been modified as follows:* Removed reference to table not included in the document.
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| **Denominator Description**  | Patients delivering newborns with >= 37 and < 39 weeks of gestation completed |
| **Denominator Inclusions** | The Measure Steward does not identify specific denominator inclusions beyond what is described in the denominator description. |
| **Denominator Exclusions** | • ICD-9-CM Principal Diagnosis Code or ICD-9-CM Other Diagnosis Codes for conditions possibly justifying elective delivery prior to 39 weeks gestation • Less than 8 years of age • Greater than or equal to 65 years of age • Length of Stay >120 days • Enrolled in clinical trials• Prior uterine surgery • Gestational Age < 37 or >= 39 weeks |
| **Denominator Size** | Providers must report a minimum of 30 cases per measure during a 12-month measurement period (15 cases for a 6-month measurement period)* For a measurement period (either 6 or 12 months) where the denominator size is less than or equal to 75, providers must report on all cases. No sampling is allowed.
* For a measurement period (either 6 or 12 months) where the denominator size is less than or equal to 380 but greater than 75, providers must report on all cases (preferred, particularly for providers using an electronic health record) or a random sample of not less than 76 cases.
* For a measurement period (either 6 or 12-months) where the denominator size is greater than 380, providers must report on all cases (preferred, particularly for providers using an electronic health record) or a random sample of cases that is not less than 20% of all cases; however, providers may cap the total sample size at 300 cases.
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| **Numerator Description**  | Patients with elective deliveries with ICD-9-CM Principal Procedure Code or ICD-9-CM Other Procedure Codes for one or more of the following: • Medical induction of labor as defined in Appendix A, Table 11.05 available at: http://manual.jointcommission.org • Cesarean section as defined in Appendix A, Table 11.06 while not in Labor or experiencing Spontaneous Rupture of Membranes available at: http://manual.jointcommission.org |
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| **Setting** | Inpatient |
| **Data Source** | Administrative/Clinical data sources |
| **Allowable Denominator Sub-sets** | All denominator subsets are permissible for this outcome  |