**Improving Care for Newborns with Substance Exposure and**

**Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome:**

**A Quality Improvement Initiative**

Hospitals are asked to partner with the West Virginia Perinatal Partnership on a Quality Improvement (Q.I.) initiative to enhance the treatment and care of the infants and families affected by substance use, while reducing costs associated with caring for these newborns. Hospitals participating in the Substance Exposed Newborns Q.I. project will receive:

* Training and education on the latest evidence-based strategies and techniques for managing substance exposed newborns;
* Assistance in the development of guidance/policies/procedures for the identification, treatment and discharge of at-risk infants;
* Opportunities to share information on effective strategies for implementing new procedures;
* access to skill building resources, including effective communication with families affected by substance use; and,
* The opportunity to participate in a data collection process to measure the impact of our combined efforts.

For more information on participating in the QI Initiative, please contact Janine Breyel at jbreyel@hsc.wvu.edu or (304) 216-3437.