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This regular assessment and monitoring of breastfeeding related maternity care practices is vitally important for the health of mothers and babies in the US and should be maintained as is and carried out regularly. For the hospitals that are attempting to improve their support for breastfeeding are able to see their progress and compare themselves to the national average. For the public, it provides an important opportunity to see how the US is doing in its goals of having mother and baby friendly maternity services which are crucial to helping breastfeeding get to having a strong start. For the organizations who work on providing support and protection to breastfeeding these surveys provide critical information on progress and gaps that tell us where we need to focus advocacy and training. For the government the surveys provide valuable information for HHS to assess where it should be focusing or adjusting policies.

This is such an important data point for being able to assess our efforts to provide a strong start for babies to have the best possible health.

This assessment should be maintained as is.