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Comments Received :

I want to express my strong support for continuing support for administration of the CDC's Maternity Practices in Infant Nutrition and Care (mPINC) survey.

It is clearly shown that support at the time of delivery is critical to being able to breastfeed successfully and that exclusively breastfeeding at hospital discharge leads to longer term exclusive breastfeeding. Being able to exclusively breastfeed for around 6 months gives the baby the strongest start in life. Monitoring is really important for the quality of care of a mother and her baby during childbirth and the immediate post partum period. mPINC is a critical tool for understanding how hospital and birth center maternity care practices support or create barriers to breastfeeding. The practices measured by mPINC, including staff training, clinical routines, and institutional policies, have a direct impact on breastfeeding initiation and early success.

As someone who has been working in maternal and infant health for over 50 years, I have seen how hospital practices shape breastfeeding outcomes long after discharge and how the monitoring of these practices are valuable for improving the care that shapes breastfeeding practices. The confidential, hospital-specific feedback reports generated through mPINC are especially valuable for quality improvement and accountability and help facilities identify concrete opportunities to improve care.

I urge the Office of Management and Budget to approve the reinstatement and continuation of the mPINC survey. Continued investment in mPINC is necessary to support evidence-based improvements in maternity care and to reduce persistent inequities in breastfeeding outcomes.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.