# IT-8.13: NICU Days/Delivery

| **Measure Title** | **IT-8.13 NICU days/delivery**  |
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| **Description** | Average number of NICU days per delivery |
| **NQF Number** | Not applicable |
| **Measure Steward** | Not applicable. Current measure originated from North Carolina Health and Human Services - Pregnancy Medical Home |
| **Link to measure citation** | <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/pmh/PMHOutcomesRevised.pdf>  |
| **Measure type** | Stand-alone (SA) |
| **Performance and Achievement Type** | Pay-for-Reporting: Prior Authorization |
| **DSRIP-specific modifications to Measure Steward’s specification** | Modeled after North Carolina Health and Human Services - Pregnancy Medical Home NICU Length of Stay measure.  |
| **Denominator Description**  | Total number of live births |
| **Denominator Inclusions** | The Measure Steward does not identify specific denominator inclusions beyond what is described in the denominator description. |
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| **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**  | Total number of NICU days for all deliveries during the measurement year |
| **Numerator Inclusions** | The Measure Steward does not identify specific numerator inclusions beyond what is described in the numerator description. |
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| **Setting** | Inpatient |
| **Data Source** | Administrative/Clinical data sources |
| **Allowable Denominator Sub-sets** | All denominator subsets are permissible for this outcome  |