



# Florida Levels of Maternal Care Program



The Joint Commission



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***\*This is not a quality improvement initiative, but a verification program. This does not qualify as a state-mandated FPQC quality improvement initiative.***

## BACKGROUND

Florida's Maternal Mortality Review Committee has found that some mothers die giving birth when providers and hospitals are not optimally prepared for their challenging pregnancy complications. The Committee has recommended that Florida hospitals participate in a program that verifies ACOG's levels of maternal care. This would encourage hospitals to meet national standards for one of four designated levels of care based on readiness to handle various maternal and/or fetal medical conditions. **The program's purpose is to promote risk-appropriate care, encourage consultation and training, and reduce maternal mortality and morbidity.**

## PILOT PROGRAM



The pilot is designed to assess Florida maternity hospitals' participation in a verification program and the potential impact on improving maternal care in the state. With one-year of funding provided by the Florida Department of Health, **the Florida Perinatal Quality Collaborative (FPQC) will pay initial site visit cost and first full year annual fee for any Florida maternity hospital willing to apply for and participate in The Joint Commission's (TJC) ACOG Levels of Maternal Care verification program.** This will cover nearly half of the cost of a hospital's three-year participation. A hospital does not need to be a Joint Commission accredited hospital to participate in this program. **Funding is available this fiscal year only (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023) on a first come, first served basis.**

## HOSPITAL REQUIREMENTS

**Serves as a licensed Florida hospital providing maternity services.**

- ☒ Completes the FPQC Request for LOMC funding at <https://bit.ly/lomcfpqc>.
- ☒ Applies to The Joint Commission for Levels of Maternal Care verification and schedules a site visit within 90 days of completing the application.
- ☒ Commits to paying The Joint Commission's second and third year verification fees.
- ☒ Commits to fully completing both the FPQC's online post-verification evaluation survey and evaluation interview in a timely fashion.
- ☒ To meet the fiscal year deadline, The Joint Commission recommends submitting an application as soon as possible, but no later than January 2023. The Joint Commission survey should occur by March 2023. Questions related to timeframes please reach out to [verification@jointcommission.org](mailto:verification@jointcommission.org).

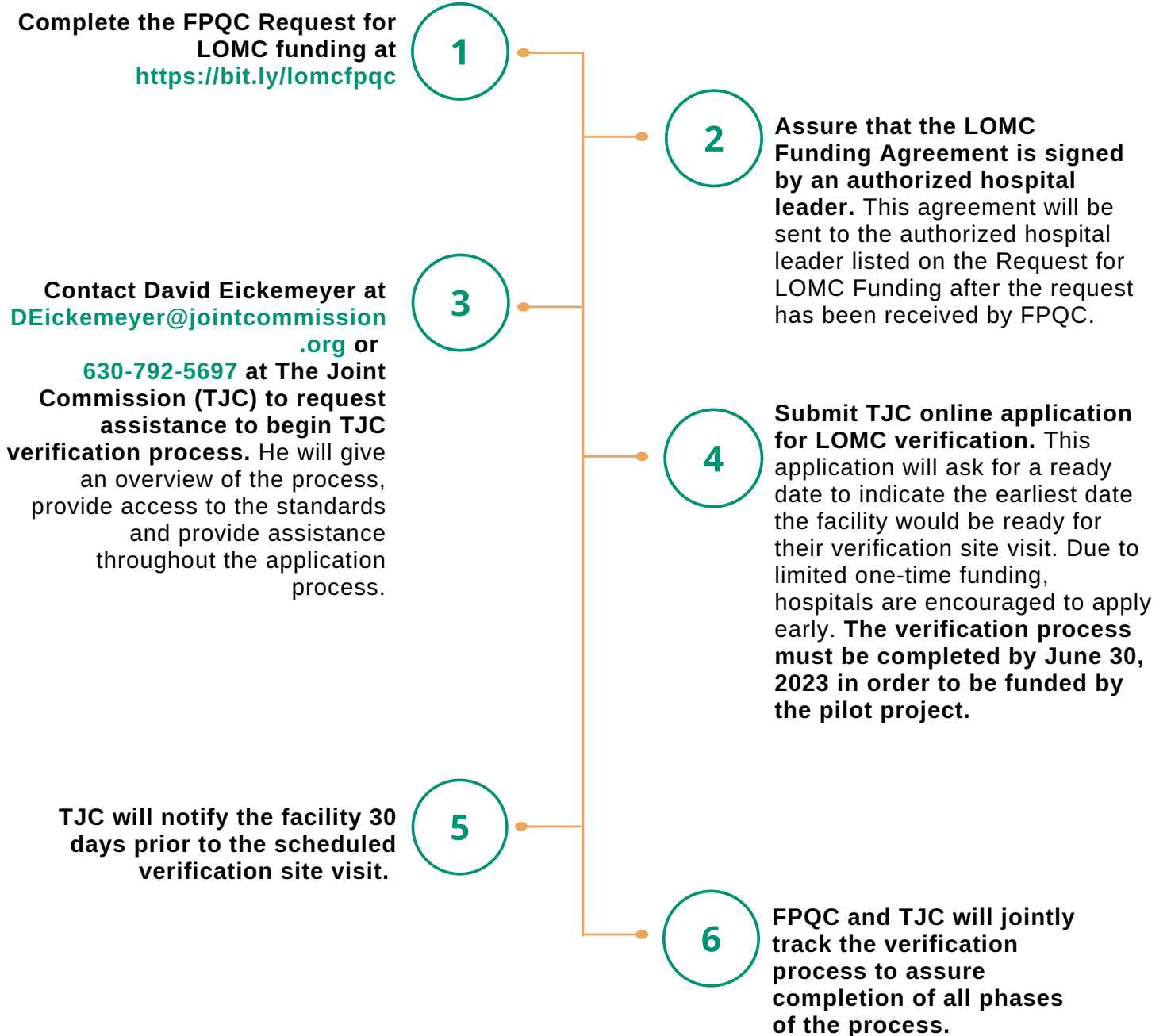
**See reverse for steps on how to apply for  
Florida ACOG Levels of Maternal Care (LOMC) Pilot Project**

Reach out to FPQC at [FPQC@usf.edu](mailto:FPQC@usf.edu) to inquire about program funding support or contact The Joint Commission to learn about their hospital verification program at [verification@jointcommission.org](mailto:verification@jointcommission.org).



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## STEPS TO APPLY FOR FLORIDA ACOG LEVELS OF MATERNAL CARE (LOMC) PILOT PROJECT



Visit [www.fpqc.org/lomc](http://www.fpqc.org/lomc) or follow the QR code for more information about our Florida ACOG LOMC webinar which will give more details about the pilot project and how to apply.



Reach out to FPQC at [FPQC@usf.edu](mailto:FPQC@usf.edu) to inquire about program funding support or contact The Joint Commission to learn about their hospital verification program at [verification@jointcommission.org](mailto:verification@jointcommission.org).



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