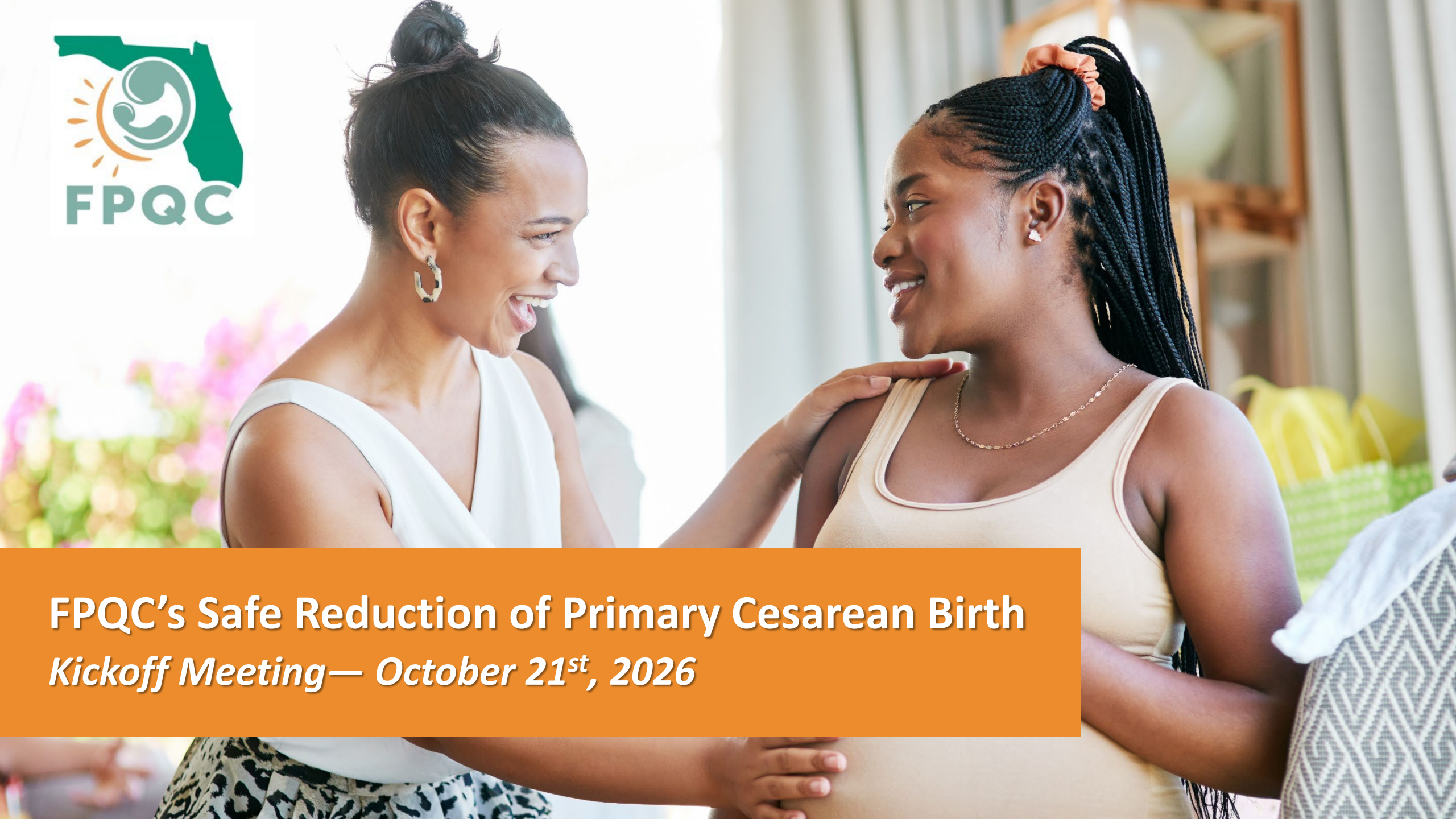

FPQC's Safe Reduction of Primary Cesarean Birth

Kickoff Meeting— October 21st, 2026

Vision & Values

*"**All** of Florida's mothers, infants & families will have the **best health outcomes** possible through receiving **respectful, high quality, evidence-based** perinatal **care**."*



- Data-Driven
- Population-Based
- Evidence-Based
- Respect-Centered
- Value-Added

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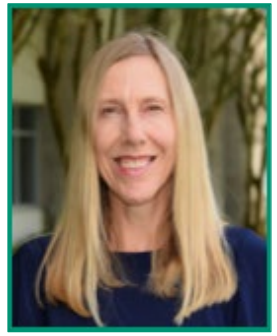

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And Why They Are Not *Always* Great…

Cesarean births can lead to increased morbidity and mortality from [1]:

- Hemorrhage
- Infection
- Placental adherence conditions
- Venous thromboembolism

A cesarean in the first birth usually results in a repeat cesarean for the next birth – only about 15.5% go on to have a VBAC[2]

[1] AIM Safe Reduction of Cesarean Birth Patient Safety Bundle, [2] March of Dimes

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Florida NTSV C-Sections



Births by cesarean section increased in Florida from **25.5%** in 2000 to **35.8%** in 2024



Florida has seen a 10% increase in NTSV cesarean rates since Q1 2022



Wide variation in Florida hospital cesarean rates presents an **opportunity** for quality improvement

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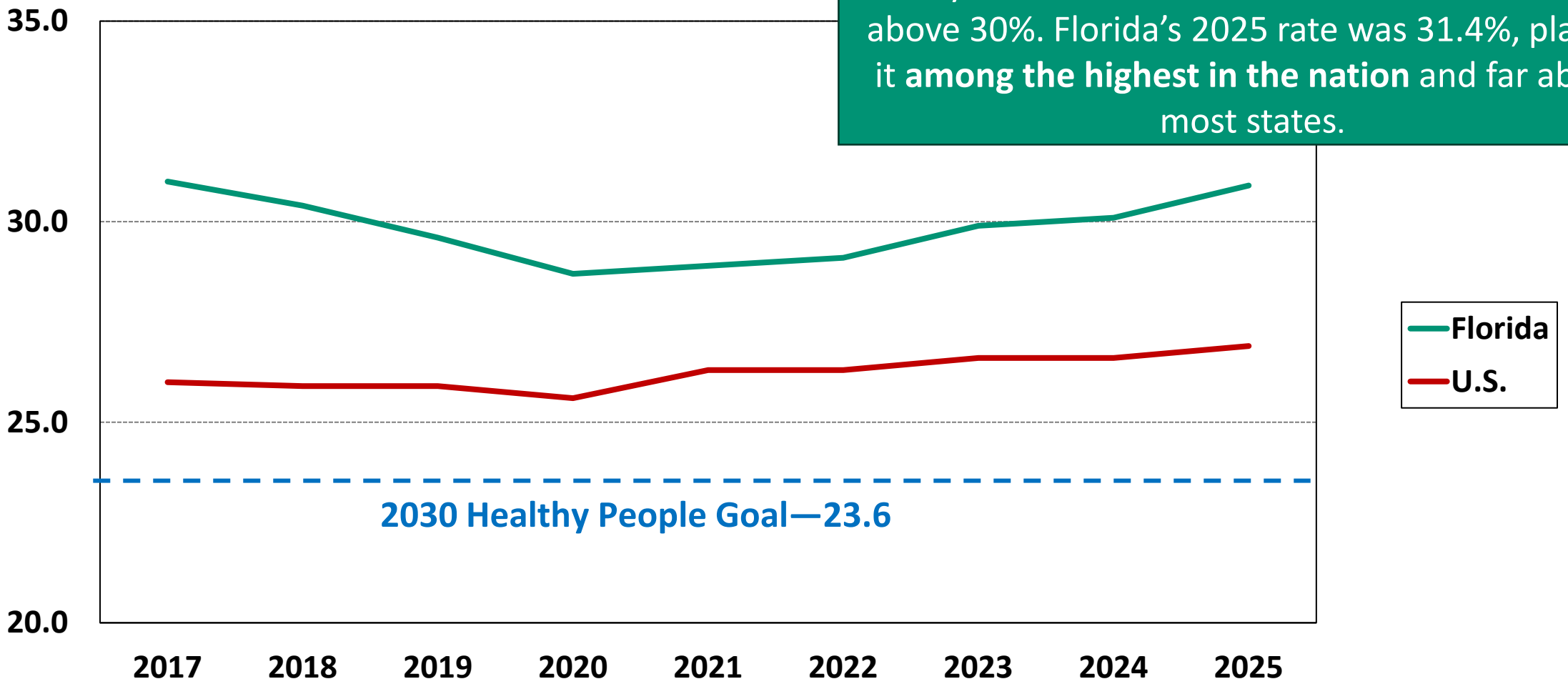
NTSV Cesarean Rates

Only four U.S. states have NTSV cesarean rates above 30%. Florida's 2025 rate was 31.4%, placing it **among the highest in the nation** and far above most states.



Source: NCHS, CDC Birth Data

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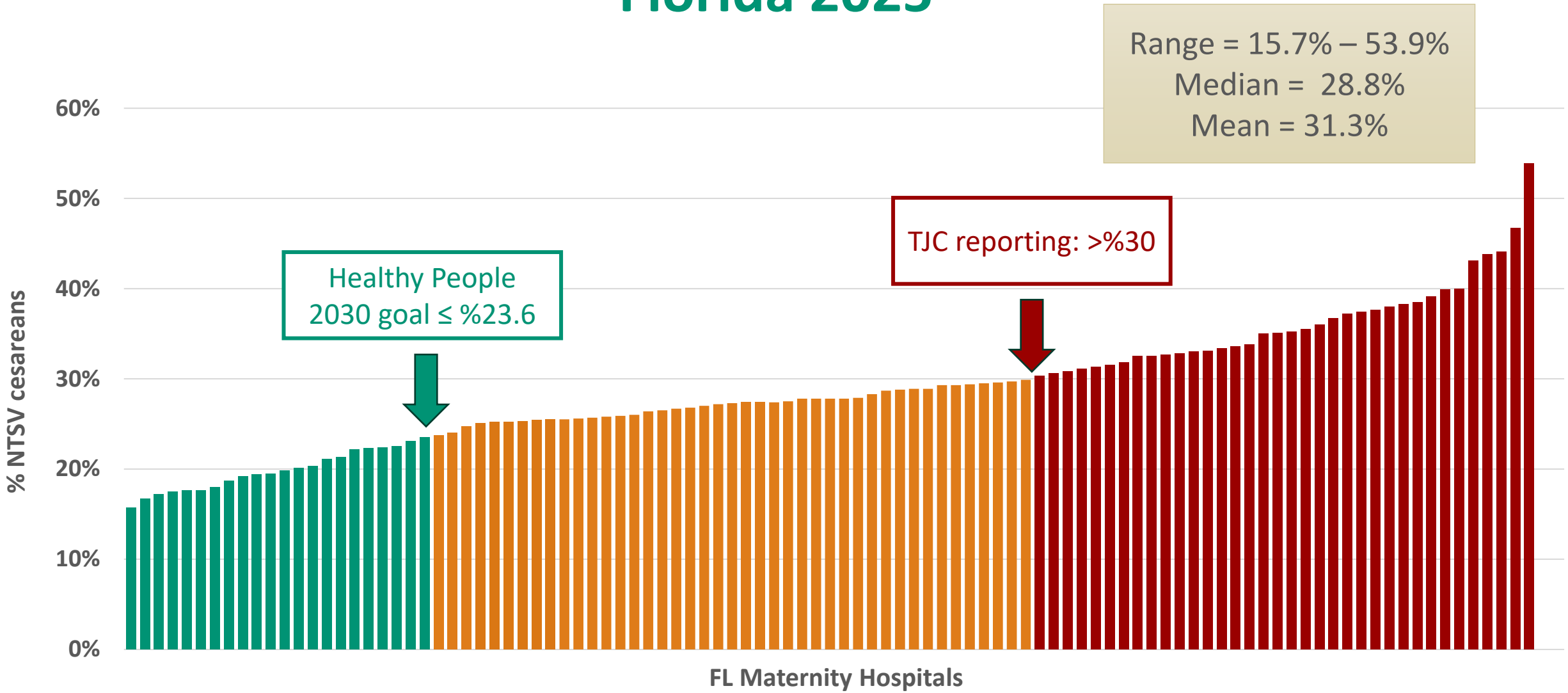
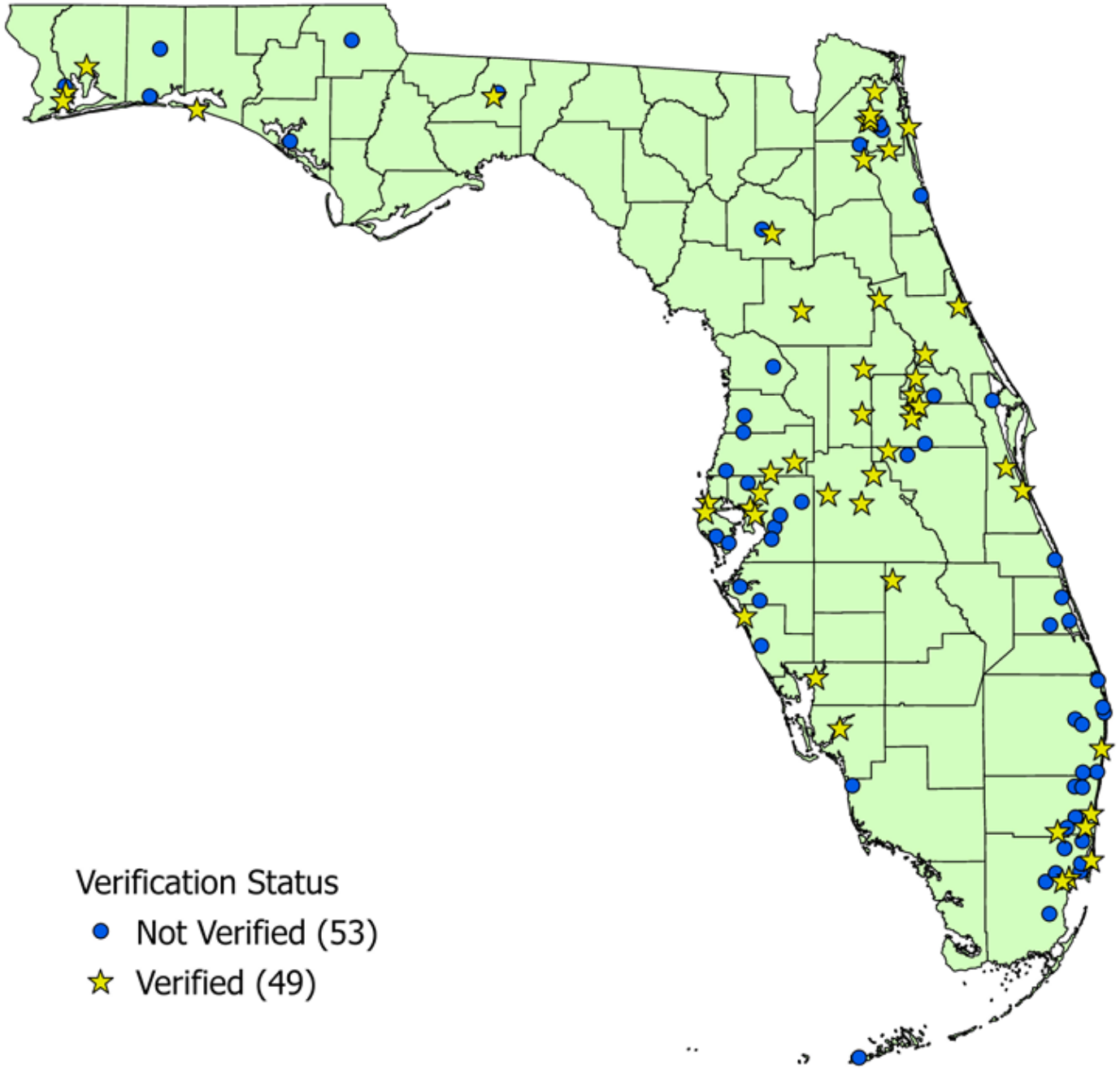
Rates of NTSV Cesareans by Maternity Hospital, Florida 2025



Levels of Maternal Care Verification



Is Your Hospital Verified Yet?

- **Florida has a total of 49 verified hospitals**

60% of Florida births now occur at LOMC verified hospitals

- **10 hospitals have applications in process**
  - 18 hospitals are interested in verification

If all interested and in progress hospitals achieve verification, 80% of Florida births will be at verified hospitals

9 hospitals have reverified in 2026!

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There is Still Time to Apply!

Don’t be the last hospital in your community to get verified! Access the FPQC Request for LOMC Funding at fpqc.org/lomc

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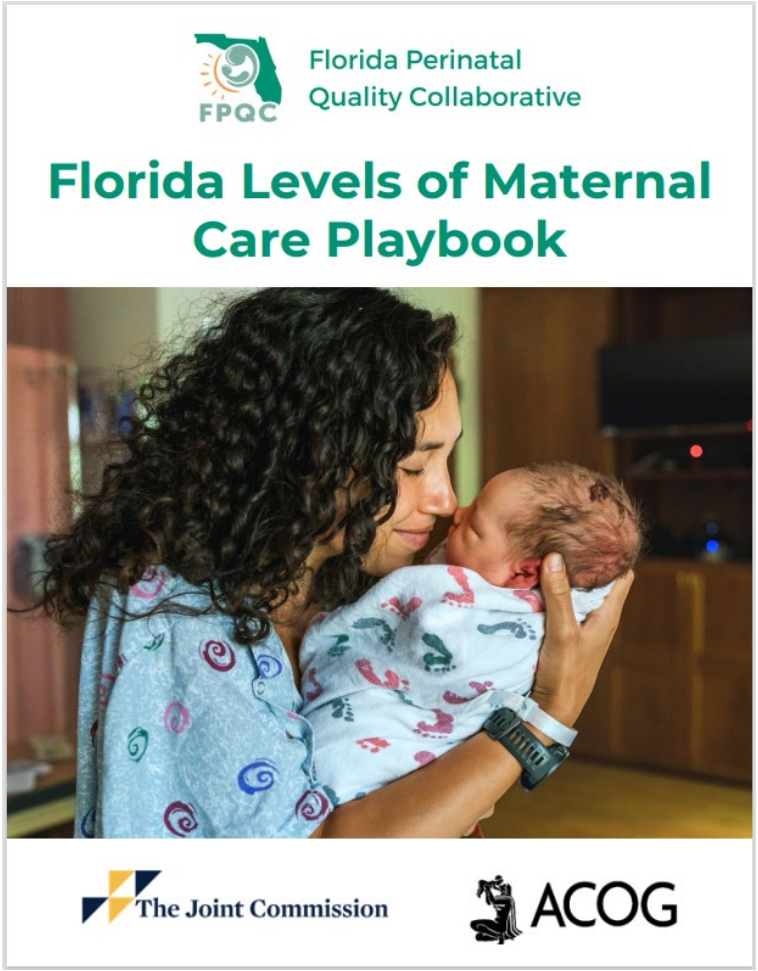

Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) Cycle

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PLAN

- What are you trying to achieve?
- What do you think will happen?
- How will you measure?
- Design small test of change

D

DO

- Try with a single person, small group, single shift
- Document real-time problems
- Gather data
- Record unexpected observations

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STUDY

- What actually happened?
- Compare results to predictions
- If it didn't work, can you tell why?
- What did you learn?

A

ACT

- Adopt successful components
- Adapt workflows needing tweaks
- Abandon ineffective practices
- Try again – scale up, or modify approach