Physician engagement paired with financial incentives helped SelectHealth® improve pregnancy outcomes

Eliminating early elective inductions before week 39 to 0% has led to shorter labors, fewer C-sections and $2.5 million in annual savings

Care Process Model on Elective Inductions

About 28% of elective inductions Intermountain Healthcare performs occur before week 39. The Care Process Model on Elective Inductions creates protocols that ask clinicians scheduling early-term elective deliveries to get advanced permission from department chairs or a perinatologist.

Voluntary adoption reduces inappropriate elective inductions to approximately 10%.

Additional provider education helps reduce inappropriate elective inductions to less than 3%.

Working with the State of Utah and March of Dimes, SelectHealth ends reimbursement for non-medically necessary elective inductions.

Intermountain and SelectHealth eliminate non-medically necessary elective inductions of labor before week 39.

To help spread these new best practices, Intermountain and SelectHealth collaborated to:

- Engage clinicians to establish the guidelines
- Communicate with providers and promote guidelines
- Align financing with clinical goals to improve patient outcomes
- Support best practices and educate patients
- Provide specialists as additional support

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