

California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative (CMQCC) Membership Overview

The following overview is intended to formalize the guidelines historically implemented by the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative (CMQCC) as they pertain to the payment of each California hospital’s/hospital system’s (referred to below as “member”) annual membership payment.

I. General Information

A. Fee Schedule

In consideration of the services provided under each member’s legal agreement(s) with CMQCC, an annual membership fee is imposed. The fee schedule for the current year can be found on CMQCC’s website at <https://www.cmqcc.org/about-cmqcc/member-hospitals/hospital-membership>. Members may be eligible for various discounts on the base membership fee, contingent on additional funding that CMQCC may have available (See [Section IIB](#) below). As is outlined in the legal agreement(s), CMQCC reserves the right to increase fees and/or modify the discount framework from year to year, as well as the right to impose late fees on members for late payment of the annual membership fee (See [Section III](#) below).

B. Invoice Timeline

Invoices are typically sent out in February of each calendar year for payment due by April of that same year. Members will have at least 60 days to complete their payment.

C. Invoice Communications

Invoices, and all relevant communications concerning invoices, are sent to each member’s ‘invoice contacts’ as designated by the member. These contacts can be updated at any time at the member’s request by emailing membership@cmqcc.org.

D. Invoice Payment

Payments may be made via either paper check or ACH, following the instructions below. Failure to comply with the below instructions may result in a late fee if applicable (See [Section IIIA](#) below).

Payment via Check	Payment via ACH
<p>Make check payable to: Stanford University</p> <p>Mail check to: Center for Academic Medicine – Attn: CMQCC Neonatology – MC 5660 453 Quarry Road Palo Alto, CA 94304</p>	<p>Individual Name: Stanford University - CMQCC</p> <p>Bank Name: Wells Fargo Bank 420 Montgomery Street San Francisco, CA 94104-1205</p> <p>ABA Routing #: 121-000248 Account #: 4001-047349 Reference: membership@cmqcc.org</p>

II. Membership Fee Discounts

A. Discount Eligibility

Effective Calendar Year **2026**, members will be ineligible for any of the membership fee discounts noted below if their invoice payment from the previous calendar year is over 30 days past due.

B. System Discount

At present, CMQCC offers a “system discount” for members that are part of a hospital system consisting of three or more hospitals. **Importantly**, effective Calendar Year **2026**, all hospital systems (defined directly below) must pay their CMQCC membership fees via a single invoice in order to continue to qualify for the system discount.

- For purposes of the discount, a system is defined as a group of three or more hospitals joined underneath a single entity that owns the operational oversight of each site. Hospitals that are solely affiliated with one another (i.e., there is no single entity that owns the operations of each site) do not qualify for the system discount.
- The discount is stratified into three tiers – 3-5 sites, 6-14 sites, and 15+ sites – each of which is associated with a distinct fee which can be found on the aforementioned fee schedule. Which of the three tiers a member belongs to in a given year is dependent on the number of hospitals that continue participation into that year.
- Receipt of the discount is contingent upon a *Continued Participation Standard*: all members within a hospital system must continue to participate from one calendar year to the next (barring hospital or maternity unit closures) in order to receive the system discount. That is, if one member chooses to withdraw its membership from CMQCC, all remaining members within the same system will be disqualified from receiving any system discount moving forward.
- CMQCC reserves the right to modify the system discount framework at any time.

C. Scholarship Program

At present, CMQCC offers a “scholarship program” wherein members that meet specific criteria outlined in the aforementioned fee schedule may qualify for a membership fee discount.

- In order to qualify for a scholarship, members must not only meet the eligibility criteria, but also submit a completed scholarship application. Applications are typically sent out in early November of each year, and members have approximately 30 days to complete and submit the application as instructed. Applications submitted after the deadline noted on the application will not be considered.
- CMQCC’s scholarship program is contingent on additional funding that CMQCC may have available, and CMQCC reserves the right to modify the scholarship program framework at any time.

III. Late Fees

A. Late Fee Structure

CMQCC reserves the right to impose a late fee upon any member for which a membership payment has not been received by the deadline noted on the invoice, pursuant to CMQCC’s Net 60 payment terms. This stipulation will persist in cases where checks are errantly addressed, or ACH payments are made with incorrect routing information – see [Section ID](#) above for instructions. An initial late fee will be imposed if a membership payment is not received by the deadline noted on the invoice. That late fee will increase if the payment is more than 30 days late, i.e., not received by CMQCC within 30 days after the deadline noted on the invoice. See [Section IIIB](#) below for associated pricing details. If CMQCC does not receive a membership payment within 60 days after the deadline noted on the invoice, all affected Maternal Data Center (MDC) portals will be temporarily shut down until payment is confirmed.

B. Pricing

At this time, if a member's payment is not received by the deadline noted on the invoice, the initial late fee to be imposed is \$300 per hospital. This late fee will increase to \$500 per hospital for any members for which a membership payment has not been received within 30 days past the deadline noted on the invoice.

- CMQCC reserves the right to modify the late fee framework at any time.

IV. Vendor Management

Effective Calendar Year **2024**, a flat fee of \$350 will be imposed upon any member for whom CMQCC must complete a registration process or any related administrative processes in order to receive membership payment (e.g., to ensure vendor compliance). Any fees imposed upon CMQCC to complete such registration processes will be charged back to the member in addition to the aforementioned \$350 fee, each as additional line items on the member's invoice.

V. Maternal Data Center (MDC) Management

Effective Calendar Year **2026**, facilities presiding over two or more distinct campuses will no longer be able to "combine" their data into a single MDC portal; each hospital campus must have a distinct MDC portal and pay a separate membership fee for each portal. Distinct campuses will also be considered separately for purposes of membership fee discounts as described in [Section II](#) above.

For any questions about the guidance outlined in this document, or about CMQCC membership more generally, please contact us at membership@cmqcc.org.