PERINATAL EPISODE

■ What if the patient doesn't get any prenatal care (in general or from that provider) before delivery?
  The patient is excluded from the episode.

■ Who is PAP if patient sees multiple prenatal providers?
  The PAP is the provider that delivers the newborn. The PAP must have been involved with the prenatal care, but need not be the only provider delivering care prior to birth.

■ Why were the specific STDs selected as quality measures chosen? How come more prenatal screening wasn't included?
  The quality measures for each episode reflect national quality metrics and input from clinical workgroups in Arkansas. In the first wave of episodes, the total number of measures was kept to a limited number.

■ Where can an OB-GYN or other pregnancy episode PAP find a detailed list of the specific quality measures?
  There are detailed episode fact sheets available on our website www.paymentinitiative.org.

■ If a provider is on call is becomes the delivering doctor for a patient to which whom he or she has not administered any prenatal care, will that on-call provider still be accountable for that episode?
  No. There must be proof that the PAP provided some prenatal care, with at least 2 months of prior office visits to indicate that the on-call doctor has seen the patient.