

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

LAST MENSTRUAL PERIOD (LMP) TO OBSTETRIC ESTIMATE (OE) CORRECTION ESTIMATE

The magnitude of the LMP-to-OE correction is estimated to be 1.7% to 2.0% based on the following. The difference between

LMP- and OE-based PTB rates in 2010 was 2.01 percentage points: 11.99% and 9.98%, respectively.¹ In 2012, the LMP- and OE-based PTB rates were 11.55% and 9.76%, respectively, a difference of 1.79 percentage points.¹ As preterm birth rates

decline, we may see smaller differences between the 2 measures. With the declining LMP-based rate of 11.4% in the 2013 preliminary data,² we conservatively estimate that the difference between LMP and OE could be as low as 1.7%.

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