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**DATA FOR COMMENT – 1999 C-section Deliveries in Pennsylvania**

The low cesarean section rates were made possible by the collaborative efforts of physicians and nurses. They have worked together over the past several years to provide safe and effective interventions such as vaginal birth after cesarean (VBAC) and cervical ripening techniques to decrease the possibility of cesarean section.

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As a result, the Indiana Hospital obstetrical program has exceeded the 15% target c-section rate set by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in its Healthy People 2000 project. Our ongoing performance improvement activities indicate that Indiana Hospital's remarkable c-section rates have been achieved without adverse consequence to mother or child.

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