

small update

World's tiniest baby home from hospital

■ *Only 9 ounces at birth, little Jada is thriving*

THE parents of the world's tiniest baby have a HUGE reason to celebrate! Little preemie Jada Wilson, who weighed just 9 ounces when she was born last November 17, has gone home from the hospital and is doing fine.

LITTLE MIRACLE

"It's a miracle!" the infant's grateful mom Ayanna, 23, told *The ENQUIRER*. "It's been a long, hard struggle — these past six months seem more like six years!"

"But Jada's a real fighter."

In March, *The ENQUIRER* first reported the dramatic story of how Ayanna developed deadly blood poisoning and had to undergo an emergency C-section when

she was just five months pregnant. Tragically, Jada's twin sister Jasmine died, but Jada beat million-to-one odds and survived.

LONG, HARD STRUGGLE

She spent months in an incubator and underwent two surgeries, but on May 11, weighing 6 pounds, 4 ounces, she finally went home to Charlotte, N.C., with her mom and dad, Cory Hickman, 19, an employee at a home improvement warehouse.

"Jada is still on a lot of medication, but she's sleeping through the night and smiling a lot and making eye contact," said Ayanna, who works for a health care company. "No one can believe she looks so great.

"She's 22 inches long and eating



TINY Jada spent the first six months of her life in a hospital (inset). Now her proud parents Ayanna and Cory are thrilled at her progress.



like a champ. She's growing every day."

Jada had laser surgery on her eyes, but her mom says it went well and she couldn't be happier about her child's progress.

"I want to thank *The ENQUIRER* for all the love and support I got

because of the article," Ayanna said. "It seems like everyone in the world read it, and I could feel everyone's good energy helping me cope and helping my baby get better.

"Jada is absolutely precious to me — she's the light of my life."

— ROBIN MIZRAI