

Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act

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BACKGROUND

The United States has the <u>highest</u> maternal mortality rate of any high-income country and significant <u>disparities</u> in outcomes – and the crisis is only <u>worsening</u>: the maternal mortality rate in 2021 was 89 percent higher than the rate in 2018. The **Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act** will address this crisis through historic investments that comprehensively address every driver of maternal mortality, morbidity, and disparities in the United States.

BILL SUMMARY

The Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act includes 13 individual bills that will:

- 1. Make critical investments in **social determinants of health** that influence maternal health outcomes, like housing, transportation, and nutrition.
- 2. **Extend WIC eligibility** in the postpartum and breastfeeding periods.
- 3. Provide funding to **community-based organizations** that are working to improve maternal health outcomes and promote equity.
- 4. Increase funding for programs to improve maternal health care for veterans.
- 5. Grow and diversify the **perinatal workforce** to ensure that every mom in America receives maternal health care and support from people they trust.
- 6. Improve **data collection processes and quality measures** to better understand the causes of the maternal health crisis in the United States and inform solutions to address it.
- 7. Support moms with **maternal mental health** conditions and substance use disorders.
- 8. Improve maternal health care and support for **incarcerated moms**.
- 9. Invest in **digital tools** to improve maternal health outcomes in underserved areas.
- 10. Promote **innovative payment models** to incentivize high-quality maternity care and non-clinical support during and after pregnancy.
- 11. Invest in federal programs to address **maternal and infant health risks during** public health emergencies.
- 12. Invest in community-based initiatives to reduce levels of and exposure to **climate change-related risks for moms and babies**.
- 13. Promote **maternal vaccinations** to protect the health of moms and babies.

ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT

The **Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act** is endorsed by more than 200 organizations, listed here. Quotes in support of the Momnibus can be listed here.



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