



HEALTHY MOMS. STRONG BABIES.

Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act

(H.R.3305 / S. 1606)

Lead Sponsors



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Background

The Momnibus Act is a historic bicameral bill with the goal of saving the lives of mothers and addressing every dimension of the maternal health crisis in the United States.



In one of the richest nations, **moms are dying at one of the highest rates in the developed world — with a 14.2 percent increase in 2020.**



As dire as the situation is overall, the **crisis is most severe for Black moms in the U.S., who are dying at 2 to 3 times the rate of their White counterparts,** and other women and birthing people of color.



March of Dimes' 2022 Maternity Care Desert Report found 4.7 million women live in counties with limited maternity care access. **Passing the Momnibus would help address these disparities by investing in improved nutrition and maternal mental health outcomes.**

Bill Summary

The Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act of 2023 is composed of 13 bills sponsored by the Black Maternal Health Caucus. The legislation will:



- 1 Make critical investments in social determinants of health that influence maternal health outcomes, like housing, transportation, and nutrition.
- 2 Provide funding to community-based organizations that are working to improve maternal health outcomes and promote equity.
- 3 Grow and diversify the perinatal workforce to ensure that every mom in America receives culturally congruent maternity care and support.
- 4 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.
- 5 Support moms with maternal mental health conditions and substance use disorders.
- 6 Improve maternal health care and support for incarcerated moms.
- 7 Invest in digital tools like telehealth to improve maternal health outcomes in underserved areas.
- 8 Promote innovative payment models to incentivize high-quality maternity care and continuity of insurance coverage from pregnancy through labor and delivery and up to 1 year postpartum.
- 9 Invest in federal programs to address the unique risks for and effects of COVID-19 during and after pregnancy and to advance respectful maternity care in future public health emergencies.
- 10 Invest in community-based initiatives to reduce levels of and exposure to climate change-related risks for moms and babies.
- 11 Promote maternal vaccinations to protect the health and safety of moms and babies.
- 12 Extend WIC eligibility in the postpartum and breastfeeding periods.
- 13 Increase funding for programs to improve maternal health care for veterans.