CRISIS IN AMERICA: MATERNAL HEALTH DESERTS

America should not be the most dangerous developed nation to have a baby

Far too many women in America don’t have access to the health care they need to safely have a baby, leading to this tragic yet avoidable crisis. We’re demanding all political candidates support a #BlanketChange agenda to fight for moms and babies.

PREGNANCY-RELATED MORTALITY
(Pregnancy-related deaths per 100,000 live births)

PREGNANCY-RELATED DEATH HAS MORE THAN DOUBLED OVER THE PAST 25 YEARS.

OVER 700 WOMEN DIE EACH YEAR FROM COMPLICATIONS RELATED TO PREGNANCY

50,000 WOMEN SUFFER LIFE-THREATENING COMPLICATIONS EVERY YEAR RELATED TO PREGNANCY

1,085 U.S. COUNTIES LACK ACCESS TO MATERNITY CARE

Access to maternity care is defined by the availability of hospitals and providers offering obstetric services, and access to key services through health insurance.

Maternity care deserts
Severely limited access
Moderately limited access
Maternity care accessible

MORE THAN 5,300,000 WOMEN LIVE IN A MATERNITY CARE DESERT

53% OF U.S. COUNTIES DO NOT HAVE A HOSPITAL OFFERING OBSTETRIC SERVICES

179 RURAL COUNTIES LOST HOSPITAL BASED OBSTETRIC SERVICES BETWEEN 2004 AND 2014

48% OF U.S. COUNTIES LACK A SINGLE OB-GYN

IN 2015 ALMOST 1 IN 5 WOMEN DID NOT HAVE ANY HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE IN THE MONTH PRIOR TO PREGNANCY

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