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Background

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



March of Dimes' Nowhere to Go: Maternity Care Deserts Across the US (2024 Report) found 5.3 million women live in counties with little or no access to maternity care. **Passing the Mominibus would help address these disparities by investing in improved nutrition and maternal mental health outcomes.**



There are significant disparities in preterm birth rates, with Black pregnant people experiencing a rate of 14.6% from 2020 to 2022, **which is 1.5 times higher than the rate observed among all other babies.**



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



21.9% of Black women receive inadequate prenatal care compared to 11.1% of White women between 2020 and 2022.

Bill Summary

The Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act 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 US 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 one 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.