

Black Maternal
Health Momnibus
Act of 2021

S.796/H.R.958

PROTECTING MOMS WHO SERVED ACT



VETERANS

Servicewomen and veterans face increased risk of poor maternal health outcomes— Black veterans experience severe complications much more often than white veterans.



This law will support maternal care coordination at Veterans Affairs facilities and invest in a comprehensive study to investigate the scope of this crisis among veterans.

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to implement the maternity care coordination program. The VA must provide community maternity care providers (that is, non-VA maternity care providers) with training and support with respect to the unique needs of pregnant and postpartum veterans, particularly regarding mental and behavioral health conditions in relation to the service of the veterans in the Armed Forces. Additionally, the Government Accountability Office must report on maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity among pregnant and postpartum veterans, with a focus on racial and ethnic disparities in maternal health outcomes for veterans.

SPONSORS:

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STATUS:

Signed into law

BIPARTISAN?

SENATE: Yes / HOUSE: Yes

COMMITTEES) OF JURISDICTION:

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