The Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act of 2021 is a package of twelve bills addressing the maternal health crisis the United States currently faces. The legislation advances critically important policies that cover various dimensions of maternal health among Black women, and makes robust investments to ensure quality health care and a myriad of social supports pregnant and postpartum women desperately need.

**SPONSORS:**

**STATUS:**
Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions / Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations

**BIPARTISAN?**
SENATE: No / HOUSE: No

**RESOURCES:**
Social and Structural Determinants of Health Inequities in Maternal Health (liebertpub.com)

**COMMITTEE(S) OF JURISDICTION:**
Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions / House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health

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S.347/H.R.92
DATA TO SAVE MOMS ACT

This bill expands data collection and research on maternal morbidity and mortality among minority populations. Specifically, the bill adds requirements to a program within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that supports maternal mortality review committees. To the extent practicable, the committees must use the most up-to-date indicators of severe maternal morbidity; review deaths caused by suicide, overdose, or other behavioral health conditions attributed to or aggravated by pregnancy or childbirth; and consult with representatives of communities about nonclinical factors that may contribute to adverse maternal outcomes.

SPONSORS:

STATUS:
Sections 501 and 505 included in the Build Back Better Act / Referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions / Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full House Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote, House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health

BIPARTISAN?
SENATE: No / HOUSE: No

COMMITTEE(S) OF JURISDICTION:
Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions / House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health

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This bill requires the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to establish the Perinatal Care Alternative Payment Model Demonstration Project to allow states to test payment models for maternity care, including postpartum care, under Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

SPONSORS:

STATUS:
Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance / Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, House Committee on Energy and Commerce

BIPARTISAN?
SENATE: No / HOUSE: No

RESOURCES:
Promoting Better Maternal Health Outcomes by Closing the Medicaid Postpartum Coverage Gap (tcf.org)

COMMITTEE(S) OF JURISDICTION:
Senate Finance / House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health

For more information, visit the full Omnibus Tracker Tool at https://bit.ly/TCF_Omnibus
This bill provides funding to promote exemplary care for pregnant and postpartum people who are incarcerated. The bill also commissions a comprehensive study to understand the scope of the maternal health crisis among incarcerated people and to make recommendations to prevent maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity in American prisons and jails. Finally, the bill ties federal funding for state and local prisons and jails to prohibitions on the use of restraints for incarcerated pregnant people to end the practice of shackling.

SPONSORS:

STATUS:
Referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary / Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, House Committee on the Judiciary

BIPARTISAN?
SENATE: No / HOUSE: Yes

COMMITTEE(S) OF JURISDICTION:
Senate Judiciary / House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security

For more information, visit the full Omnibus Tracker Tool at https://bit.ly/TCF_Omnibus
This bill establishes grants to improve maternal health outcomes for racial and ethnic minority groups and other underserved populations. Specifically, the Department of Health and Human Services must award grants for community-based programs to improve maternal health outcomes for Black pregnant and postpartum individuals, as well as individuals in other underserved groups; training for health care providers and others who work in maternity care settings on reducing and preventing racism, bias, and discrimination; and respectful maternity care compliance programs in specified health care facilities.

**SPONSORS:**

**STATUS:**
Section 203 included in the Build Back Better Act / Referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions / Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, House Committee on Energy and Commerce

**BIPARTISAN?**
SENATE: No / HOUSE: No

**RESOURCES:**
Social and Structural Determinants of Health Inequities in Maternal Health(liebertpub.com)

**COMMITTEE(S) OF JURISDICTION:**
Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions / House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health

For more information, visit the full Omnibus Tracker Tool at https://bit.ly/TCF_Momnibus
This bill addresses maternal health during the COVID-19 emergency by supporting data collection, development of COVID-19 therapeutics and workplace protections, and other activities. Specifically, HHS must issue guidance for states and local health departments on collecting data on pregnancy and postpartum status in conjunction with COVID-19 tests. In addition, the bill provides funds for Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to expand particular maternal health surveillance programs. In addition, the Department of Labor must implement an emergency temporary standard to protect employees from workplace exposures to the virus that causes COVID-19 that specifically addresses pregnant and postpartum individuals.

SPONSORS:

STATUS:
Section 1002 included in the Build Back Better Act / Referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions / Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States, House Committee on Natural Resources

BIPARTISAN?
SENATE: No / HOUSE: No

RESOURCES:
This Mother's Day, Moms Deserve Solutions to Help Them Recover During the Pandemic and Beyond (tcf.org)

COMMITTEE(S) OF JURISDICTION:
Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions / House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Indigenous Peoples of the United States

For more information, visit the full Omnibus Tracker Tool at https://bit.ly/TCF_Omnibus
This bill establishes a national campaign to raise awareness and increase rates of maternal vaccinations. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) must consult with various stakeholders to carry out this campaign. In addition, the CDC must focus on increasing vaccination rates among communities with historically high rates of unvaccinated individuals. The CDC must also make publicly available any materials and resources developed for the campaign.

**SPONSORS:**

**STATUS:**
Referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions / Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote, House Committee on Energy and Commerce

**BIPARTISAN?**
SENATE: No / HOUSE: No

**COMMITTEE(S) OF JURISDICTION:**
Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions / House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health

**MOMS MATTER ACT**

This bill establishes two grant programs to address maternal mental health conditions and substance use disorders, with a focus on racial and ethnic minority groups. First, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration must award grants for maternal behavioral health services. Eligible grantees include state, tribal, and local governments; health care providers; and organizations that serve pregnant and postpartum individuals. Second, the Department of Health and Human Services may award grants to grow and diversify the maternal mental and behavioral health workforce by establishing or expanding schools and training programs.

**SPONSORS:**

**STATUS:**
Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions / Referred to the Subcommittee on Health

**BIPARTISAN?**
SENATE: No / HOUSE: No

**RESOURCES:**
What States Can Do to Improve Black Maternal Mental Health (tcf.org)

**COMMITTEE(S) OF JURISDICTION:**
Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions / House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health

**HEALTH**
Maternal health includes mental health and substance use treatment.

Nearly 50 percent of pregnant women with depression go without treatment—and Black women are at particular risk for maternal mental health disorders.

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Over a third of U.S. counties lack maternity health services—over five million women nationwide live in these areas.

This bill establishes grants for eligible education programs to grow and diversify the perinatal workforce with respect to nurses, physician assistants, and other specified health workers, and otherwise addresses issues related to the maternal health workforce and care delivery models. HHS must disseminate guidance on respectful maternal care delivery that covers, among other topics, recruiting and retaining maternity care providers from diverse backgrounds and incorporating trained midwives, doulas, and others in maternity care teams.

SPONSORS:

STATUS:
Sections 402 and 403 included in the Build Back Better Act / Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

BIPARTISAN?
SENATE: N/A / HOUSE: No

RESOURCES:
The Importance of Respectful Maternity Care for Women of Color (aft.org)

COMMITTEE(S) OF JURISDICTION:
Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions / House Committee on Energy and Commerce

For more information, visit the full Momnibus Tracker Tool at https://bit.ly/TCF_Momnibus
This bill establishes grants and directs other activities to address health risks associated with climate change, particularly for members of racial and ethnic minority groups, pregnant or postpartum individuals, and children younger than age three. Specifically, the Department of Health and Human Services must establish a program to award grants to partnerships of community-based organizations and other entities to identify and address climate-change-related risks to these individuals at a county level. In addition, the NIH must establish the Consortium on Birth and Climate Change Research. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) must also develop a strategy to identify areas where there is a high risk of adverse maternal and infant health outcomes due to climate change.

**SPONSORS:**

**STATUS:**
Section 1103 included in the Build Back Better Act / Referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions / Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States, House Committee on Natural Resources

**BIPARTISAN?**
SENATE: No / HOUSE: No

**RESOURCES:**
Social and Structural Determinants of Health Inequities in Maternal Health (liebertpub.com)

**COMMITTEE(S) OF JURISDICTION:**
Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions / House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health

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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:**

**STATUS:**
Passed in the Senate / Passed in the House of Representatives

**BIPARTISAN?**
SENATE: Yes / HOUSE: No

**COMMITTEES OF JURISDICTION:**
Senate Veterans’ Affairs / House Veterans’ Affairs

S.851/H.R.943
SOCIAL DETERMINANTS FOR MOMS ACT

This bill directs various federal departments to address social determinants of maternal health. These are nonclinical factors, such as economic or social factors, that impact maternal health outcomes. HHS must convene a task force to coordinate federal efforts on social determinants of maternal health. HUD must award grants to community-based organizations and government entities to assist pregnant and postpartum individuals with affordable housing. DOT must report on transportation barriers that prevent pregnant and postpartum individuals from accessing health care and other services. The bill extends to twenty-four months the postpartum eligibility period for the SNAP and WIC.

SPONSORS:

STATUS:
Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions / Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations

BIPARTISAN?
SENATE: No / HOUSE: No

RESOURCES:
Social and Structural Determinants of Health Inequities in Maternal Health

COMMITTEE(S) OF JURISDICTION:
Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions / House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health

For more information, visit the full Omnibus Tracker Tool at https://bit.ly/TCF_Omnibus
This bill supports the use of technology to improve, and address disparities in, maternal health outcomes. Specifically, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation may test telehealth models to screen and treat common pregnancy-related complications for Medicaid enrollees. In addition, the Department of Health and Human Services must award grants to evaluate and expand the use of technology-enabled collaborative learning models by entities that provide services to pregnant and postpartum individuals in medically underserved areas or from certain populations, and reduce racial and ethnic disparities in maternal health outcomes by increasing access to digital tools.

**SPONSORS:**

**STATUS:**
Sections 802 and 803 included in the Build Back Better Act /
Referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions /
Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, House Committee on Energy and Commerce

**BIPARTISAN?**
SENATE: Yes / HOUSE: No

**COMMITTEE(S) OF JURISDICTION:**
Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions / House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health