

Black Maternal  
Health Momnibus  
Act of 2021

S.287/H.R.945

# PERINATAL WORKFORCE ACT



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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 act would expand and diversify the perinatal workforce, including clinicians as well as support workers like doulas, lactation consultants, community health workers, and social workers.

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:

Rep. Gwen Moore [D-WI-4]

#### STATUS:

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

#### BIPARTISAN?

*SENATE: No / HOUSE: No*

#### RESOURCES:

[The Importance of Respectful Maternity Care for Women of Color\(aft.org\)](https://aft.org)

#### COMMITTEE(S) OF JURISDICTION:

Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions / House Committee on Energy and Commerce

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