



The Momnibus Act

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For many years, the United States has had the highest maternal mortality rate among high income countries with significant racial disparities in outcomes. In 2024, the pregnancy-related mortality ratio for Black women was more than three times higher than for White women.¹ Black, American Indian or Alaska Native (AIAN), and Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (NHPI) women also have higher shares of preterm births, low birthweight births, or births for which they received late or no prenatal care when compared to White women.² However, more than 80 percent of pregnancy-related deaths in the U.S. are preventable.

The Momnibus is designed to end preventable maternal deaths by addressing maternal health disparities, growing and diversifying the perinatal health workforce, expanding access to maternal mental health and substance use care, lowering healthcare costs, investing in technological solutions, closing research gaps, improving data collection, and providing direct federal funding for local community-based organizations that improve maternal health outcomes.

Summary

The Momnibus Act is a comprehensive package of 14 individual bills that would:

1. Make critical investments in **social determinants of health** that influence maternal health outcomes, such as housing, transportation, and nutrition.
2. **Extend WIC eligibility** in the postpartum and breastfeeding periods.
3. Provide funding to **community-based organizations** that are working to improve maternal health outcomes and promote equity.
4. Increase funding for programs to improve **maternal health care for veterans**.
5. Grow and diversify the **perinatal workforce** to ensure that every mom in America receives maternal health care and support from people they trust.
6. Improve **data collection processes and quality measures** to better understand the causes of the maternal health crisis in the United States and inform solutions to address it.
7. Support moms with **maternal mental health** conditions and substance use disorders.
8. Improve maternal health care and support for **incarcerated moms**.
9. Invest in **digital tools** to improve maternal health outcomes in underserved areas.
10. Promote **innovative payment models** to incentivize high-quality maternity care and non-clinical support during and after pregnancy.
11. Invest in federal programs to address **maternal and infant health risks during public health emergencies**.
12. Invest in community-based initiatives to reduce levels of and exposure to **climate change-related risks for moms and babies**.
13. Promote **maternal vaccinations** to protect the health of moms and babies.
14. Make **critical investments in research** to reduce preventable causes of maternal deaths and improve health care for women before, during, and after pregnancy.

¹ [Maternal Mortality Rates in the United States, 2024](#)

² [Racial Disparities in Maternal and Infant Health: Current Status and Key Issues | KFF](#)