



Black Maternal Health Momnibus

BACKGROUND

In the richest nation on earth, moms are dying at the highest rate in the developed world – and the rate is rising. For as dire as the situation is for all women, the crisis is most severe for Black moms, who are dying at 3 to 4 times the rate of their white counterparts. To address the maternal health crisis in America, Congressional leaders have been fighting for critically important policies like 12-month postpartum Medicaid coverage, investments in rural maternal health, the promotion of a diverse perinatal workforce, and the implementation of implicit bias trainings.

To build on this work, Congresswoman Lauren Underwood, Congresswoman Alma Adams, Senator Kamala Harris, and members of the Black Maternal Health Caucus are introducing the **Black Maternal Health Momnibus**. The Black Maternal Health Momnibus will fill gaps in existing legislation to comprehensively address every dimension of the Black maternal health crisis in America. The time to end preventable maternal mortality and close racial and ethnic disparities in outcomes is long overdue. Join us in taking urgent action to save our moms.

BILL SUMMARY

The **Black Maternal Health Momnibus** is composed of nine individual bills sponsored by Black Maternal Health Caucus Members. 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 for Black women.
3. Comprehensively study the unique maternal health risks facing **women veterans** and invest in VA maternity care coordination.
4. Grow and diversify the **perinatal workforce** to ensure that every mom in America receives maternity care and support from people she can trust.
5. 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.
6. Invest in **maternal mental health care** and substance use disorder treatments.
7. Improve maternal health care and support for **incarcerated women**.
8. Invest in **digital tools** like telehealth to improve maternal health outcomes in underserved areas.
9. Promote **innovative payment models** to incentivize high-quality maternity care and **continuity of health insurance coverage** from pregnancy through labor and delivery and up to 1 year postpartum.

COSPONSORS

The **Black Maternal Health Momnibus** is led by Congresswomen Lauren Underwood and Alma S. Adams in the House and Senator Kamala Harris in the Senate. The Momnibus is cosponsored by Reps. Terri Sewell, Eleanor Holmes Norton, Mary Gay Scanlon, Bonnie Watson Coleman, Nanette Diaz Barragán, Ilhan Omar, Tim Ryan, Gwen Moore, Wm. Lacy Clay, Ro Khanna, Karen Bass, Lisa Blunt Rochester, Joe Kennedy III, Al Lawson, Elaine G. Luria, Ayanna Pressley, Jan Schakowsky, and Deb Haaland.

ENDORSEMENTS

The **Black Maternal Health Momnibus** is endorsed by the Black Mamas Matter Alliance; Black Women's Health Imperative; National Birth Equity Collaborative; Mamatoto Village Inc; Ancient Song Doula Services; National Perinatal Task Force; Commonsense Childbirth; NAACP; American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG); Center for Reproductive Rights; National Partnership for Women & Families; March for Moms; Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs (AMCHP); March of Dimes; Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine; American Academy of Family Physicians; Families USA; Every Mother Counts; Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN); American College of Nurse-Midwives; Blue Cross Blue Shield Association; Federation of American Hospitals (FAH); National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health; MomsRising; Mom Congress; Center for American Progress; Planned Parenthood Federation of America; NARAL Pro-Choice America; American Public Health Association; The National Council of Urban Indian Health; National Association of Certified Professional Midwives (NACPM); National WIC Association; First Focus Campaign for Children; American College of Physicians; Northwestern Medicine; Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago; National Women's Law Center; DONA International; Physician Assistant Education Association (PAEA); Health Care Transformation Task Force; Centering Healthcare Institute; Nurse-Family Partnership; American Organization for Nursing Leadership; In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda; Preeclampsia Foundation; WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease; National Health Law Program; The Blavatnik Family Women's Health Research Institute, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai; Northwestern University's Center for Health Equity Transformation; Shades of Blue Project; Association of Black Cardiologists; Society for Public Health Education; AllianceChicago; Jacobs Institute of Women's Health; Urban Mommy Inc; Save The Mommies; California Breastfeeding Coalition; Northern Illinois Church Of God In Christ; Circle Up - United Methodist Women for Moms; Muslims for Progressive Values; National Council of Jewish Women; American Association of Birth Centers; Lamaze International; Sésé Doula Services; Dr. Jamila Taylor, Director of Health Care Reform & Sr. Fellow, the Century Foundation; Elizabeth Dawes Gay, MPH, Founder of Sisu Consulting and Co-Founder of Black Mamas Matter Alliance; Elizabeth A. Howell, MD, MPP, Director, Blavatnik Family Women's Health Research Institute, Icahn School of Medicine, Mount Sinai; Johnson & Johnson; Association of State Public Health Nutritionists; Community Catalyst; A Better Balance; Power to Decide; Raising Women's Voices for the Health Care We Need; APS Foundation of America, Inc; African American Breastfeeding Network; Healing Hands Community Doula Project; HealthConnect One; Women's Health and Family Planning Association of Texas; SisterReach; Children's Defense Fund – Texas; United Ways of Texas; BreastfeedLA; Pretty Mama Breastfeeding LLC; Advanced Practice Wellness; Children's HealthWatch; National Association of Professional and Peer Lactation Supporters of Color (NAPPLSC); Indiana Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice; Dem Black Mamas Podcast; Atlanta Doula Collective; Majaica, LLC & Save 100 Babies; The Afiya Center; Ounce of Prevention Fund; and MS Black Women's Roundtable.

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