



ISSUES

Rising Maternal Mortality and Poor Health Outcomes; Perinatal Depression; Health Care Inequalities and Disparities; Premature Birth; Maternal and Family Leave Policies; Lack of Access to Healthcare

ACTIVE LEGISLATION

H.R.315/S.783 - Improving Access to Maternity Care Act. Rep. M.C. Burgess [R-TX-26]/Sen. T. Baldwin [D-WI].

Amend Public Health Service Act to require the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to identify health professional shortage areas for purposes of assigning maternity care health professionals to those areas

Decreases maternal morbidity and mortality; Improves access to care; Resolves disparities in care; Reduces rate of premature birth

H.R.1318 - Preventing Maternal Deaths Act of 2017. Rep. J. Herrera Beutler [R-WA-3].

Provides funds for states to establish formal Maternal Mortality Review Committees, to identify and review all pregnancy-related and pregnancy-associated deaths, to submit annual reports to the CDC on the Committee's findings and recommendations for solutions.

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S.337/H.R.947 - FAMILY Act Sen. K. Gillibrand [D-NY]/Rep. R. DeLauro [D-CT-3].

Establish an equal opportunity "Office of Paid Family and Medical Leave" within the Social Security Administration (SSA) to provide paid leave for 12 weeks for any family member for any family-related medical leave including maternity care.

Creates maternity and family leave policies; Resolves disparities in care; Relieves incidence of perinatal depression

S.25 - Right Start Child Care & Education Act of 2017. Sen. J. Shaheen, [D-NH].

Amends IRS Code to: Allow a new \$2,000 annual tax credit for three years for child care providers, raises maximum allowable tax credits, provides a tax exclusion for employer-provided dependent care assistance.

Resolves disparities; Creates maternity and family leave policies; Relieves incidence of perinatal depression

H.R.1174 - Fairness for Breastfeeding Mothers Act of 2017. Rep. E. Holmes-Norton (D-DC)

Requires that all public buildings make modifications to support the need for breastfeeding mothers to feed their babies.

Relieves incidence of perinatal depression; Decreases maternal morbidity and mortality; Improves access to care

PASSED LEGISLATION

H.R. 34 - 21st Century Cures Act. Bringing Postpartum Depression Out of the Shadows Act. Rep. K. Clark [D-MA-5].

PASSED IN 2016, DON'T REPEAL! INCLUDED IN "21st CENTURY CURES ACT". Provide states with federal grants to fund Medical research to enhance mental health and substance use treatment strategies, supports screening and treatment of maternal depression, develop and maintain programs for better education, screening and treatment of postpartum depression.

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