Navigating Health Care Legislation Locally and Nationally

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What the health happened, and how can I learn/know more?
Me
We do this to optimize the care of women and their babies
SMFM Advocacy Agenda

Support initiatives aimed at reducing health disparities for high-risk pregnant women.

- Protect programs that support healthy pregnancies.
- Access to coverage and services for high-risk pregnant women
- Support efforts to reduce maternal opiate dependence and improve access to maternal mental health services
- Support efforts to reduce maternal mortality
SMFM’s Advocacy Work

**TOP 5 SMFM ADVOCACY WINS OF 2018**

- Secured record-breaking federal funding for maternal health
- Passed federal legislation authorizing standardized data collection on maternal mortality
- Developed new tools for advocates
- Passed federal legislation reauthorizing efforts to reduce preterm birth
- Narrowed gaps in knowledge on safe therapies for pregnant and lactating women with the release of the PRGLAC Task Force Report

**THANK YOU** to all of our advocates

PROGRESS TOWARD REDUCING MATERNAL MORTALITY MAP

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2018: A Landmark Year

PREEMIE Reauthorization Act

Record-breaking funding for maternal and infant health
Your 1\textsuperscript{st} Amendment Right
Key Facts: Maternal Mortality

U.S. lags behind other rich nations on maternal mortality
Maternal deaths due to pregnancy or labor complications per 100,000 live births, OECD countries

Source: World Health Organization
Key Facts: Severe Maternal Morbidity

Source: https://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/reports/statbriefs/sb243-Severe-Maternal-Morbidity-Delivery-Trends-Disparities.jsp
Key Facts: Federal Role
Deeper Dive: CDC

- Maternal Mortality Review Information Application (MMRIA) strengthens critical steps of the MMRC process to empower prevention activities.
- Heathy Start provides individual services and community supports to families in high risk communities.
- Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant Program provides funding to states and other jurisdictions for improving the health and well-being of mothers and children.
- Facility-based SMM Review identifies severe maternal morbidity cases for quality improvement.
- AIM: Facility-based SMM review
- MMRCs
- CDC Levels of Care Assessment Tool (LOCAtE) assists states and other jurisdictions in assessing and monitoring systems of risk-appropriate maternal and neonatal care.
- Levels of Maternal Care (LoMC) describes systems of care that ensure pregnant women deliver at facilities that match their health risks.
- Review to Action provides tools and resources to establish, enhance, and connect MMRCs.

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### Key Facts: State Role

| Maternal Mortality Review Committees | • Review all maternal deaths in state  
• Make recommendations |
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| Perinatal Quality Collaboratives     | • Team-based  
• Implement recommendations |
| Coverage/Access to Care              | • Medicaid and Private Insurance  
• Appropriate & unbiased care |
Key Facts: Stakeholders

Thank you! Because of your calls, stories and signatures, the House and Senate successfully passed the Preventing Maternal Deaths Act! Thank you for standing up for the health of pregnant women and moms!

The Preventing Maternal Deaths Act Passes House!

Join the Celebration!

Preventing Maternal Deaths Act Signed into Law!

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#Act2SaveMoms from deadly pregnancy complications
Takes 2 Easy Steps:
1 CALL and 2 EMAIL
Your Representative and Senators

Jaime Herrera Beutler
PASS H.R. 1318
THE PREVENTING MATERNAL DEATHS ACT

LAST CHANCE FOR 2018!
Call + Tweet your senator TODAY
PASS H.R. 1318
THE PREVENTING MATERNAL DEATHS ACT

Statement on House Passage of the Preventing Maternal Deaths Act

The Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine applauds the House of Representatives for passage of the Preventing Maternal Deaths Act (H.R. 1318), a bill that provides support for state-based maternal mortality review committees. These committees are the best way to understand why maternal mortality in the United States is increasing and help to identify interventions to prevent future maternal deaths.

We thank Reps. Herrera Beutler, Castello, DeGette, Burgess and Pallone for their leadership on behalf of pregnant women and new mothers and urge the Senate to act quickly in passing S. 1102.
2018 Federal Election Results
2018 State Election Results

State government trifectas

Source: Ballotpedia

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Key Legislative Proposals: Federal

House
- HR 1551 Quality Care for Moms & Babies Act (Engel-D-NY)
- HR 117 NEWBORN Act (Cohen-D-TN)
- HR 1364 Child Care for Working Families Act (Scott-D-VA)
- HR 1384 Medicare for All Act (Jayapal-D-WA)
- MOMMA Act (Kelly-D-IL)

Senate
- S. 116 MOMS Act (Gillibrand-D-NY)
- S. 568 Child Care for Working Families Act (Murray-D-WA)
- MOMMA Act (Durbin-D-IL)
- MOMMIES Act (Booker-D-NJ)
State Proposals: Maternal Mortality

Results Count Per Legislature

Source: FiscalNote
State Proposals: Infant Mortality

Source: FiscalNote
State Proposals: Children’s Health Care

Results Count Per Legislature

Source: FiscalNote
Your Call to Action

This ISN’T POLITICAL

Take a HIKE for policy:

• Do your Homework
• Be Inquisitive
• Be Kind (or at least polite)
• Engage
Tips and Tricks

• Know your elected officials and how to reach them
• Use your personal experience and expertise
• Engage with them – not just when you need something and even if you don’t “like” them or haven’t voted for them!
• Don’t underestimate the power of social or local media – write a letter to the editor, tweet, post on FB, etc.
Resources

www.congress.gov
www.smfm.org/advocacy
Politico/Roll Call/Washington Post/NY Times
Halftime Report
Kaiser Health News
Health Affairs Blog
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