

THE MOMNIBUS

THE SOLUTION TO AMERICA'S MATERNAL HEALTH CRISIS

REPRESENTATIVE ALMA ADAMS AND REPRESENTATIVE LAUREN UNDERWOOD

Greetings,

We are so delighted to announce that Representatives Lauren Underwood, Alma Adams, and Senator Cory Booker reintroduced the Momnibus, 14 bills that comprehensively address every driver of maternal mortality, morbidity, and disparities in the United States.

We are incredibly grateful for your support of the Momnibus and for all you do to build momentum for this important legislation. Please contact your Member of Congress and ask them to cosponsor the Momnibus Act TODAY! Let them know what this bill means to you and why action to address the maternal health crisis is so important.

If you are a content creator and would like to collaborate with our offices to spread the word about the Momnibus, contact Momnibus@mail.house.gov!

Federal Funding and Action Opportunities

Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Leadership, Education, and Advancement in Undergraduate Pathways (LEAP) Training Program

NOTE: This is a Forecasted Opportunity. This funding opportunity supports the development of undergraduate pathway programs designed to expand and diversify the maternal and child health (MCH) workforce. LEAP programs will increase access to education, training, and career pathways in MCH and improve access to healthcare and public health services for maternal and child health populations, particularly in rural and other underserved communities.

- **Who Can Apply:** Public institutions of higher education, Non-profits, Private institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments, and organizations that are public or private nonprofit institutions of higher learning
- **Estimated Deadline to Apply:** 4/4/2026
- **Learn more** [here](#).

Translational Research in Maternal and Pediatric Pharmacology and Therapeutics

This opportunity supports translational and clinical research to improve safe and effective precision therapeutics for pregnant and lactating women, fetuses, neonates, and children, including those with disabilities. Funded through NOFO, projects will advance precision medicine by developing novel tools, models, and technologies with direct clinical impact; enhance understanding of drug action through studies on pediatric development and the physiological changes of pregnancy and lactation; and promote the discovery or repurposing of therapeutics to support safer, more effective treatment options for these populations.

- **Who Can Apply:** Special district governments, higher education institutions, nonprofits other than institutions of higher education, for-profit organizations, local governments, federal governments, and more.
- **Deadline to Apply: 5/7/2026**
- **Learn more [here](#).**

Maternal Produce Prescription Program (MP3)

NOTE: This is a Forecasted Opportunity. This funding opportunity supports the development and implementation of community-based produce prescription programs and related nutrition education for maternal populations at risk of poor health outcomes due to nutrition insecurity and other health-related factors. The community-based prescription programs will increase maternal health and improve access to important health and nutrition information for vulnerable maternal figures.

- **Who Can Apply:** Independent school districts, public and state institutions of higher education, private institutions of higher education, nonprofits non-higher education with 501(c)(3), nonprofits non-higher education without 501(c)(3), other Native American tribal organizations, special district governments, county governments, city or township governments, state governments, federally recognized Native American tribal governments, small businesses, and for-profit organizations other than small businesses
- **Deadline to Apply: 5/15/2026**
- **Learn more [here](#).**

MCH Workforce Development and Training Center

NOTE: This is a Forecasted Opportunity. This opportunity supports training, technical assistance, and workforce development activities to strengthen the current and future maternal and child health (MCH) workforce. The Center will equip state Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant Program leaders, staff, and other MCH professionals with the skills and tools needed to address MCH priorities in their communities and improve maternal and child health outcomes nationwide.

- **Who Can Apply:** Public institutions of higher education, Non-profits, Private institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments, and organizations that are public or private nonprofit institutions of higher learning
- **Estimated Deadline to Apply: 5/26/2026**
- **Learn more [here](#).**

Screening & Treatment for Maternal Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders (MMHSUD)

NOTE: This is a Forecasted Opportunity. This funding opportunity supports the improvement of maternal mental health and substance use disorder outcomes for pregnant and postpartum women through the development of resources for maternal health providers. The Maternal Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders Program (MMHSUD) initiative will help to increase timely access to teleconsultation, training and care coordination support for obstetric, primary care, and other maternal health providers.

- **Who Can Apply:** State governments, federally recognized Native American tribal governments, and other Native American tribal organizations
- **Estimated Deadline to Apply: 6/1/2026**
- **Learn more [here](#).**

Leveraging Network Infrastructure to Conduct Innovative Research for Women, Children, Pregnant and Lactating Individuals, and Persons with Disabilities:

This opportunity leverages NICHD clinical research network infrastructure relevant to infants, children, women, pregnant and lactating individuals, and persons with disabilities to conduct innovative, multisite, investigator-initiated clinical trials and observational studies. This NOFO will utilize a bi-phasic (UG3/UH3), milestone-driven mechanism consisting of a start-up phase (UG3) and a full enrollment and clinical study implementation phase (UH3).

- **Who Can Apply:** Higher education institutions, nonprofits other than institutions of higher education, for-profit organizations, local governments, federal governments, and more.
- **Deadline to Apply: 11/15/2027**
- **Learn more [here](#), or receive assistance at <https://www.era.nih.gov/need-help>**

Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute - Call for Merit Reviewers:

The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) is seeking Merit Reviewers who share a commitment to patient-centered research and an interest in helping PCORI fulfill its mission of funding research that can help patients, clinicians, and other stakeholders make more informed health and healthcare decisions. Merit Review Panels consist of scientific, patient, and other stakeholder reviewers whose scores are equally weighted to ensure that all perspectives are heard.

- **Who Can Apply:** For patient and stakeholder reviews, individuals must have experience with health and health care as a patient, practitioner, payer, policymaker, or member of representative organizations; first hand experience in service, advocacy, policy setting, or other similar activities in the healthcare system or with a healthcare-related organization; involvement in community-based initiatives involving representation of the interests and perspectives of patients; family; caregiver; advocates (e.g., service on Boards or committees); relevant publications or presentations; past participation in decision-making bodies at a national, state, or local level.
- **For scientific reviews,** individuals must have an advanced educational degree (e.g., Ph.D., DPhil, Ed.D., DNP, M.D., MPH, M.S., etc.); have significantly contributed to multiple publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals in the past 5 years; and/or lead research activities (e.g., PI, Co-PI, Site PI, etc.) on a current or recent research grant/contract.
- **Deadline to Apply: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis**
- **Learn more [here](#), or contact reviewers@pcori.org**

Underwood, Adams, Booker Reintroduce Momnibus Bills to End America's Maternal Health Crisis

Representatives Lauren Underwood, Alma Adams, and Senator Cory Booker reintroduced the Momnibus, 14 bills that comprehensively address every driver of maternal mortality, morbidity, and disparities in the United States.

The United States has the highest maternal mortality rate of any high-income country, a trend that continues to get worse—and Black women are three times more likely to die. But there is hope: More than 80% of pregnancy-related deaths are preventable.

The Momnibus is designed to end preventable maternal death in America by ending maternal health disparities, growing and diversifying the perinatal health workforce, expanding access to maternal mental health and substance use care, lowering health care 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.

Underwood and Adams co-founded the Black Maternal Health Caucus in 2019 to advance federal solutions that save moms' lives. They first introduced the Momnibus in 2020.

A one-page summary of the Momnibus can be found [here](#). Additional information about the individual bills in the Momnibus can be found [here](#).

The Momnibus is made up of fourteen bills. The legislation will:

1. Make critical investments in social determinants of health that influence maternal health outcomes, like 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. Invest in research to reduce preventable causes of maternal deaths, end disparities, and improve health for women before, during, and after pregnancy.
14. Promote maternal vaccinations to protect the health of moms and babies.

Full text of the legislation can be found [here](#).

Read more [here](#).

Articles of the Month

The Journal Gazette: [Maternal health care, from start to finish, should be a human right, male advocate says](#)

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

NCB News: [Douglas can improve health outcomes for women and babies. Insurers are taking notice](#)

General Resources

- The National Maternal Mental Health Hotline is free, confidential, and here to help, 24/7, all expecting and new mothers. Call or text at 1-833-TLC-MAMA (or 1-833-853-6262). To learn more about the hotline or access shareable materials, please visit [here](#).

- The Office on Women’s Health offers [resources](#) for finding support for postpartum depression.
- The [CDC Hear Her campaign](#) has resources for raising awareness of urgent maternal warning signs during and after pregnancy.

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