

Tech to Save Moms Act

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BACKGROUND

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has identified “innovative telehealth payment and service delivery models for maternal health in rural and underserved areas” as a key opportunity to improve access to high-quality care for moms, based on lessons learned during the COVID-19 public health emergency.¹ While digital tools are not the only solution to America’s maternal health crisis, they can play an important role in addressing specific challenges facing patients and providers, particularly in underserved areas.

The bipartisan **Tech to Save Moms Act** makes investments in evidence-based digital tools to reduce maternal mortality, severe maternal morbidity, and maternal health disparities – particularly in rural and underserved communities.

BILL SUMMARY

The **Tech to Save Moms Act** will:

1. Require the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation to consider models that improve **the integration of telehealth services in maternal health care**.
2. Provide funding for **technology-enabled collaborative learning and capacity building models** that will develop and disseminate instructional programming and training for maternity care providers in rural and underserved areas, covering topics such as:
 - Safety and quality improvement.
 - Addressing maternal mental and behavioral health conditions.
 - Identifying social determinants of health risks in the prenatal and postpartum periods.
3. Establish a grant program to promote **digital tools designed to improve maternal health outcomes**, particularly in rural and underserved communities.
4. Commission a **comprehensive study on the use of technology in maternity care** to reduce maternal mortality, morbidity, and disparities.

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