

House-Passed Health Care Bill Does Not Pass Muster for Women with High-Risk Pregnancies

**Washington, DC, May 4, 2017** – The Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM) today released the following statement regarding the U.S. House of Representatives' vote on the American Health Care Act:

"SMFM remains committed to ensuring affordable maternity care coverage for those with highrisk pregnancies to ensure that our patients have access to medically appropriate services and providers. The AHCA, as currently written, does not pass muster for women and families experiencing high-risk pregnancies, as well as the physicians that care for them. We will continue to advocate for improved access to maternity care services, providers, and treatments to optimize the health and wellbeing of women and their families."

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## **About SMFM**

The Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (est. 1977) is a non-profit membership organization representing the interests of obstetricians/gynecologists who have additional formal education in maternal-fetal medicine. The Society is devoted to reducing high-risk pregnancy complications by providing continuing education to its more than 2,000 members on the latest pregnancy assessment and treatment methods. It also serves as an advocate for improving public policy, and expanding research funding and opportunities for maternal-fetal medicine. SMFM hosts an annual scientific meeting in which new ideas and research in the area of maternal-fetal medicine are unveiled and discussed. For more information, visit www.smfm.org.