



Senate Health Care Proposal Does Not Pass Muster for Women with High-Risk Pregnancies

Washington, DC, September 18, 2017 – The Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM) opposes the most recent health care proposal put forward by Senators Lindsey Graham, Bill Cassidy, Dean Heller, and Ron Johnson. The bill, as currently written, would negatively impact access to care for women experiencing high-risk pregnancies. More specifically, it would limit funding for many states through the Medicaid program and allow states to roll back important essential health benefits, including maternity care. SMFM urges Members of Congress to vote no should the bill come up for a vote. We continue to stand ready to work with Congress on solutions that optimize care for women and their children and that are in line with our [maternity care principles](#).

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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.