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Leaders in High-Risk Pregnancies Analyze State Policies that Address Maternal Mortality

New Tools Available for Women's Health Advocates

Washington, DC, November 4, 2019 – The Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM) today launched its 2019 Maternal Mortality Scorecard. The Maternal Mortality Scorecard is designed to better inform SMFM members, policymakers, and the public about the types of policies, programs, and infrastructure that states may put into place to address maternal mortality and racial disparities in maternal health outcomes.

Similar to the 2018 “Progress Toward Reducing Maternal Mortality Map,” the 2019 Scorecard evaluates states’ progress towards reducing maternal mortality on four indicators:

- the establishment of maternal mortality review committees,
- the establishment of perinatal quality collaboratives,
- the expansion of Medicaid; and
- reporting of data stratified by race/ethnicity.

The 2019 Maternal Mortality Scorecard provides a quick and simple way to understand how states are addressing the issue of maternal mortality. Each fact sheet provides information on maternal mortality ratios, insurance coverage for women of reproductive age, and resources that are available to learn more about the state initiatives.

The 2019 Maternal Mortality Scorecard can be found on the SMFM [website](#).

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About SMFM

The Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM) is a non-profit, membership organization based in Washington, DC. With more than 4,000 physicians, scientists and women's health professionals around the world, the Society supports the clinical practice of maternal-fetal medicine by providing education, promoting research and engaging in advocacy to optimize the health of high-risk pregnant women and their babies. SMFM hosts an annual scientific meeting in which new ideas and research related to high-risk pregnancies are unveiled and discussed. For more information, visit www.smfm.org.