Maternal mortality rates in the United States are rising. The U.S. has the highest rate of maternal death among developed nations with significant racial disparities and large differences in rates between states. The Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM) has identified four important ways that states are addressing the rising rates of maternal mortality: 1.) the establishment of maternal mortality review committees; 2.) the establishment of perinatal quality collaboratives; 3.) the expansion of Medicaid; and 4.) reporting of data stratified by race/ethnicity. This fact sheet details the progress California has made towards reducing maternal mortality. To view other state fact sheets, visit SMFM.org/scorecard.

California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative
cmqcc.org
California Medicaid
coveredca.com/individuals-and-families/getting-covered/pregnant-women/

Maternal Mortality Ratio
(number of maternal deaths per 100,000 live births)

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Black women in California are nearly four times more likely to die from pregnancy-related causes than white women.

Insurance Coverage for Reproductive-Aged Women

91% of women aged 19-64 years old have health insurance.

California’s Medicaid program will cover pregnant women up to 213% of the federal poverty level.

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Local Resources

Race
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2019-2020 MATERNAL MORTALITY SCORECARD

State Activities Aimed at Reducing Maternal Deaths

2018 2019

✓ ✓ Maternal Mortality Review Committee
✓ ✓ Perinatal Quality Collaborative
✓ ✓ Medicaid Expansion
✓ ✓ Reports Maternal Mortality Data by Race

Exists in the State
✓ In Progress
○ Does Not Yet Exist
✗

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