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 Illinois has made towards reducing maternal mortality.

To view other state fact sheets, visit SMFM.org/scorecard.

Insurance Coverage for Reproductive-Aged Women

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

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

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Local Resources

Illinois Maternal Mortality Review Committee
dph.illinois.gov/content/maternal-mortality-review-committee

Illinois Perinatal Quality Collaborative
ilpqc.org

Illinois Medicaid
illinois.gov/hfs/MedicalPrograms/AllKids/Pages/MomsAndBabies.aspx

Maternal Mortality Ratio

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

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Black women in Illinois are almost three times as likely to die from pregnancy-related causes than white women.

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Data Sources: 1.) America’s Health Rankings (“Maternal Mortality in the United States in 2019”); 2.) Kaiser Family Foundation ("Medicaid and CHIP Income Eligibility Limits for Pregnant Women as a Percent of the Federal Poverty Level" and "Health Insurance Coverage of Women 19-64"); 3.) Review to Action ("MMR Map"); 4.) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "State Perinatal Quality Collaboratives"); and 5.) American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists ("State Maternal Mortality Review Committees, PQCs, and AIM").