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 Kansas has made towards reducing maternal mortality. To view other state fact sheets, visit SMFM.org/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

Local Resources

Kansas Maternal Mortality Review Committee
kansasmch.org/mmr

Kansas Perinatal Care Quality Collaborative
kansaspqc.org

Kansas Medicaid
kancare.ks.gov/consumers/program-fact-sheets

Insurance Coverage for Reproductive-Aged Women

89% of women aged 19-64 years old have health insurance.

Kansas’ Medicaid program will cover pregnant women up to 171% of the federal poverty level.

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

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The disparity between white and black women in Kansas closely resembles that of the country.

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