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

**Insurance Coverage for Reproductive-Aged Women**

90% of women aged 19-64 years old have health insurance.

Maine’s Medicaid program will cover pregnant women up to 214% of the federal poverty level.

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**Local Resources**

Maine Maternal, Fetal & Infant Mortality Review

maine.gov/dhhs/mecd/population-health/mch/perinatal/maternal-infant

Northern New England Perinatal Quality Improvement Network

www.nnepqin.org

Maine Medicaid

maine.gov/guide-to-maine-health-care/mainecare/pregnant-women

**Maternal Mortality Ratio**

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

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Maine reports limited maternal mortality data stratified by race or ethnicity.

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