MATERNAL MORTALITY SCORECARD

Massachusetts

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

Insurance Coverage for Reproductive-Aged Women

97% of women aged 19-64 years old have health insurance.

Massachusetts’s Medicaid program will cover pregnant women up to 205% of the federal poverty level.

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Local Resources

Massachusetts Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee
mass.gov/service-details/maternal-mortality-and-morbidity-initiative

Massachusetts Perinatal Quality Collaborative
mapqc.org

Perinatal-Neonatal Quality Improvement Network
pnqinma.org

Massachusetts Medicaid
mass.gov/service-details/eligibility-for-health-care-benefits-for-masshealth-the-health-safety-net-and

State Activities Aimed at Reducing Maternal Deaths

2018  2019
✓ ✓ Maternal Mortality Review Committee
✓ ✓ Perinatal Quality Collaborative
✓ ✓ Medicaid Expansion
✓ ✓ Reports Maternal Mortality Data by Race

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

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

Questions? Contact Katie Schubert at kschubert@smfm.org.

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, POCs, and AIM").