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

State Activities Aimed at Reducing Maternal Deaths

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| ✓    | ✓    | 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: ✗

Insurance Coverage for Reproductive-Aged Women

78% of women aged 19-64 years old have health insurance.

Texas’s Medicaid program will cover pregnant women up to 203% of the federal poverty level.

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Local Resources

Texas Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee
dhs.texas.gov/mch/maternal_mortality_and_morbidity.shtm
Texas Perinatal Quality Collaborative
tchmb.org
Texas Medicaid
hhs.texas.gov/services/health/medicaid-chip

Maternal Mortality Ratio

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

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Black women in Texas are more than twice as likely to die from pregnancy-related causes than white women.


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