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 the District of Columbia 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.

DC’s Medicaid program will cover pregnant women up to 324% of the federal poverty level.

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Local Resources

DC Medicaid
dchealthlink.com/individuals/medicaid