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Strengthen the Maternal Mortality Review Committee

Colorado's maternal mortality rate has dramatically increased in recent years. Women in rural areas are more likely to die than those in urban areas, and nationally, African American women are more likely to die than white women, even when income and educational level are held constant.

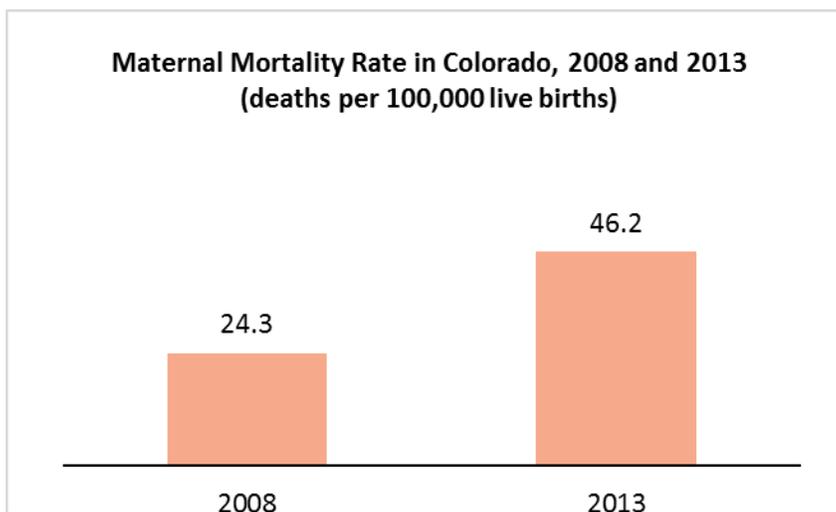
Maternal mortality is defined as death during pregnancy, or up to one year after the pregnancy, regardless of the cause.

Maternal Mortality Review Committees (MMRCs) are the best way to understand rates of maternal mortality and identify interventions to prevent deaths and other adverse maternal outcomes.

HB 19-1122

Reps. Buckner & Landgraf; Sens. Fields & Gardner

HB 19-1122 will strengthen Colorado's MMRC by codifying it in statute and giving it the resources needed to ensure robust participation and strong, timely recommendations.



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Substance Use & Self-Harm

In Colorado, behavioral health issues and self-harm now account for the largest share of maternal deaths. However, national research indicates that high blood pressure and cardiovascular disease remain two of the leading causes of maternal death nationwide.

80% of Deaths Are Preventable

Nearly 80% of maternal deaths could have been avoided by reasonable changes to patient, community, provider, facility, or systems factors.

3-Year Lag in Data

Our state's existing volunteer committee has to review cases on a three-year lag due to a lack of subpoena protections in current law. That means we are getting recommendations that are three years outdated.

41 States & Washington D.C. Have MMRCs

It is time for our leaders to step up and protect our pregnant and postpartum Coloradans!

What does HB 19-1122 do?

Codifies the Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC) in statute and requires that the MMRC:

- Review cases of maternal mortality that occur in Colorado, while maintaining patient confidentiality.
- Identify the causes of maternal mortality and trends and patterns in the deaths.
- Develop recommendations to prevent maternal deaths through legislation, policies, rules and best practices.

Ensures diversity on the MMRC, including membership from rural areas:

- Appointed members reflect the diversity of Colorado and those most affected by maternal mortality.
- Allows for representatives from rural areas to be properly reimbursed for serving on the committee.

Allows for timely reports and application for federal funding:

- Provides subpoena protection for committee documents and discussions to allow the MMRC to review cases inside of the statute of limitations and make timely recommendations to address trends in maternal mortality. This protection is a requirement to apply for federal funding to help support our MMRC.

Requires that the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) make regular recommendations to the Legislature based on the findings of the MMRC, including:

- Recommendations to achieve health equity in maternal health outcomes in Colorado.
- Identification of the causes of death that have the greatest impact on the pregnant and postpartum population in Colorado and are the most preventable.
- Recommendations to address both clinical and societal causes of maternal death.

Provides resources for CDPHE to properly administer the MMRC:

- Provides resources to CDPHE to collect and analyze data related to maternal deaths, administer the MMRC, and identify population-level recommendations to improve maternal health outcomes.

Supporters of HB 19-1122

- American Academy of Pediatrics Colorado Chapter
- American College of Nurse-Midwives, Colorado Affiliate
- Association of Women's Health
- Association of Women's Health Obstetrics and Neonatal Nurses —Colorado Section
- Beverly J. Warner, Advocate
- Black Child Development Institute —Denver Chapter
- Center for African American Health
- Center for Health Progress
- Children's Hospital Colorado
- COLOR
- Colorado Academy of Family Physicians
- Colorado ACOG
- Colorado Center on Law and Policy
- Colorado Children's Campaign
- Colorado Children's Healthcare Access Program
- Colorado Consumer Health Initiative
- Colorado Perinatal Care Quality Collaborative
- Colorado Women's Bar Association
- Clayton Early Learning
- Denver Health
- Denver Public Health
- Early Childhood Council of Larimer County
- Elephant Circle
- Families Forward Resource Center
- Florence Crittenton Services of Colorado
- Grand Beginnings – Grand and Jackson Early Childhood Council
- Illuminate Colorado
- Institute of Denver
- March of Dimes
- Mental Health Colorado
- MomsRising
- MotherWise
- NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado
- Obstetrics and Neonatal Nurses —Colorado Section
- Parent Possible
- PPRM
- Raise Colorado
- SCL Health
- Small Business Majority
- Soul 2 Soul Sisters
- The Kempe Foundation
- WeeCycle
- Young Invincibles

About Us

The Colorado Children's Campaign is a nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy organization committed since 1985 to realizing every chance for every child in Colorado. We advocate for the development and implementation of data-driven public policies that improve child well-being in health, education and early childhood. We do this by providing Coloradans with trusted data and research on child well-being and organizing an extensive statewide network of dedicated child advocates. For more information, please visit coloradokids.org.

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