



# Tech to Save Moms Act

H.R. 6138

## BACKGROUND

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have offered several recommendations to leverage the use of telehealth to improve maternal health outcomes, including expanding remote patient monitoring and promoting virtual training and capacity building models.<sup>1</sup> Digital tools are not the only solution to America's maternal health crisis, but they can play a significant role in addressing specific challenges facing patients and providers, particularly in underserved areas. The **Tech to Save Moms Act** makes investments to promote the integration and development of telehealth and other digital tools to reduce maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity, and close racial and ethnic gaps in maternal health outcomes.

## BILL SUMMARY

The **Tech to Save Moms Act**, introduced by Representatives Eddie Bernice Johnson and Lauren Underwood, will:

1. Require the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation to consider models that improve the **integration of telehealth services in maternal health care.**
2. Provide funding for **technology-enabled collaborative learning and capacity building models** that will develop and disseminate instructional programming and training for maternity care providers in underserved areas. Grants can be used to ensure access to high-speed, reliable internet for grantees. The models will cover topics such as:
  - Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (**AIM**) **safety and quality improvement bundles.**
  - Trainings on **implicit and explicit bias, racism, and discrimination.**
  - Best practices in screening for and treating **maternal mental health conditions and substance use disorders.**
  - Identifying **social determinants of health risks** in the prenatal and postpartum periods.
  - The use of **remote patient monitoring tools** for common complications in pregnancy and after delivery.
3. Establish a grant program to promote **digital tools designed to improve maternal health outcomes for minority women.**
4. Study the use of **artificial intelligence** in maternal health care to prevent racial and ethnic biases from being built into new maternity care technological innovations.

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<sup>1</sup> Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services: [Improving Access to Maternal Health Care in Rural Communities](#)

## ENDORSEMENTS

The **Tech to Save Moms Act** is endorsed by the:

- American Telemedicine Association;
- ECHO-Chicago at the University of Chicago Medicine;
- Black Mamas Matter Alliance;
- Black Women's Health Imperative;
- Families USA;
- Center for Reproductive Rights;
- National Partnership for Women & Families;
- National Birth Equity Collaborative;
- Ancient Song Doula Services;
- Mamatoto Village Inc;
- MomsRising;
- National Perinatal Task Force;
- Commonsense Childbirth;
- Every Mother Counts;
- American College of Nurse-Midwives
- American Public Health Association;
- American College of Physicians;
- Mom Congress;
- First Focus Campaign for Children;
- NARAL Pro-Choice America;
- National WIC Association; and more than 30 other organizations.

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