

# PENNSYLVANIA BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH CAUCUS

## TAKE ACTION TODAY!

*To take action to support the PA Momnibus and protect Black mothers and birthing people, consider the following steps:*

**ANNOUNCE** your involvement with the PBMHC, why you joined, and encourage others to join the movement. Remind your network that we are stronger together.

**HIGHLIGHT** an organization in your area doing work to improve black maternal health through education, support services, and advocacy. Encourage others to learn more about their initiatives and consider supporting their efforts.

**ORGANIZE & ATTEND** maternal health events. Host maternal health fairs, community baby showers, support groups, informational workshops, and other events where community members can learn about available maternal health resources, receive free health screenings, participate in wellness activities, and connect with local healthcare providers and support services.

**SHARE** - Utilize Social Media Campaigns: Launch social media campaigns to raise awareness about maternal health issues, share resources, and promote upcoming community events. Encourage community members to share their own stories and experiences using a designated hashtag.

**ADVOCATE** meet with and/or write a message to your elected officials to encourage their involvement in PBMHC and co-sponsorship of the PA Momnibus. This comprehensive legislative package is crucial for advancing maternal health equity and addressing the systemic issues that contribute to disparities in maternal health outcomes.

**LEARN** more about the Congressional MOMNIBUS a legislative package of twelve bills introduced by in the US Congress to uplift federal action around the issue of maternal mortality and morbidity. Read more here: <https://blackmaternalhealthcaucus-underwood.house.gov/Momnibus>

# Pennsylvania MOMNIBUS



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- HB 1608** Extends Medicaid coverage for doula services and establishes a **Doula Advisory Board** to set standards and accreditation requirements for doulas.
- HB 1618** Requires **health insurance to cover doula services**.
- HB 2097** Requires **Medicaid to cover blood pressure monitors** for pregnant and postpartum enrollees.
- HB 2138** Requires **health insurance to cover blood pressure monitors** for pregnant and postpartum enrollees.
- HB 2136** **Designates maternal health deserts** to target investments in maternal health care services.
- HB 2127** Enhances access to **mental health care services** for pregnant and postpartum patients.
- HB 2178** Requires health-related boards within the Department of State to complete **implicit bias training** as part of continuing education requirements.
- HB 2137** Establishes the Maternal and Newborn Supply Kit Program **to distribute essential resources to new moms and parents**.