



## Support the Connected MOM Act

Telehealth and technology enabled devices have proven to be key assets in the physician's tool box for prevention and improved health outcomes for a number of conditions during the pandemic. The American Medical Association recognizes this same technology is critical to addressing maternal mortality and morbidity by helping screen new mothers for high blood pressure and related treatable and preventable conditions, such as preeclampsia, that lead to unnecessary and avoidable maternal deaths and adverse health outcomes.

The Connected Maternal Online Monitoring (MOM) Act, S. 712, introduced by Sens. Cassidy (R-La.) and Hassan (D-N.H.), would require the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to send a report to Congress identifying barriers to coverage of remote physiologic devices (e.g., pulse oximeters, blood pressure cuffs, scales, blood glucose monitors) under state Medicaid programs to improve maternal and child health outcomes for pregnant and postpartum women. This bipartisan legislation would also require CMS to update state resources, such as state Medicaid telehealth toolkits, to align with evidence-based recommendations to help decrease maternal mortality and morbidity.

Medicaid pays for almost half of all births nationally in the U.S. each year, and it plays a critical role in providing maternity-related services, covering the vast majority of births for women of color and those living in rural areas. The AMA strongly supports this legislation which would make a meaningful difference in addressing the unacceptably high rate of maternal mortality in the U.S., especially for women from marginalized populations.

### Congressional asks:

- **Urge your senators to cosponsor S. 712, the Connected MOM Act.**
- **Urge your representatives to introduce companion legislation in the House.**