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### Maternal CARE Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** May 22, 2019

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (May 22, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/1600>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (20 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		May 22, 2019
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		May 22, 2019
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 22, 2019
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		May 22, 2019
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		May 22, 2019
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		May 22, 2019
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		May 22, 2019
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		May 22, 2019
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 22, 2019
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		May 22, 2019
Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		May 22, 2019
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		May 22, 2019
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		May 22, 2019
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		May 22, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		May 22, 2019
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		May 22, 2019
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		May 22, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		May 22, 2019
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		May 22, 2019
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Jun 3, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 22, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 2902	Identical bill	May 23, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

### Summary (as of May 22, 2019)

#### **Maternal Care Access and Reducing Emergencies Act or the Maternal CARE Act**

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to award grants to health-professional training programs for training that addresses implicit bias (e.g., racial bias) in the practice of obstetrics and gynecology.

HHS must also award grants to up to 10 states for pregnancy medical-home programs that reduce adverse maternal-health outcomes and racial disparities. Among other requirements, such programs must prioritize the care of uninsured individuals or Medicaid enrollees.

The National Academy of Medicine must make recommendations for incorporating bias recognition in clinical-skills tests at medical schools.

### Actions Timeline

- **May 22, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 22, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.