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Rural MOMS Act

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| Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA] | R · IA | | Dec 18, 2019 |
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| Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH] | D · NH | | Dec 18, 2019 |
| Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME] | I · ME | | Dec 18, 2019 |
| Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI] | D · MI | | Dec 18, 2019 |
| Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME] | R · ME | | Feb 24, 2020 |

Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 116 HR 4995 | Related bill | Sep 22, 2020: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. |
| 116 HR 6637 | Related bill | Jul 9, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife. |
| 116 HR 4243 | Identical bill | Sep 10, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. |

Rural Maternal and Obstetric Modernization of Services Act or the Rural MOMS Act

This bill expands initiatives to address maternal health in rural areas.

The bill provides funding for the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to establish rural obstetric networks for improving outcomes in birth and maternal morbidity. Specifically, these networks must (1) connect individuals with care providers, (2) identify successful maternal-care models, (3) facilitate collaboration among rural providers, (4) provide training and guidance, (5) collaborate with academic institutions that have regional expertise, and (6) measure and address inequities in birth outcomes among rural residents.

HRSA also must award five-year demonstration program grants to (1) train physicians, medical residents, and other practitioners to provide maternal and obstetric services in rural communities; and (2) support academic programs that develop or provide training to improve maternal care in rural areas.

Further, the bill adds maternal-health services as part of the telehealth network and telehealth resource-centers grant programs.

The bill also makes a series of changes to the research and reporting requirements of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Government Accountability Office with respect to data on maternal-health outcomes.

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