

## HR 4215

Excellence in Maternal Health Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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### Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Aug 30, 2019
Rep. Brooks, Susan W. [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Aug 30, 2019
Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	R · TX		Aug 30, 2019
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Aug 30, 2019
Rep. Herrera Beutler, Jaime [R-WA-3]	R · WA		Aug 30, 2019
Rep. Long, Billy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		Aug 30, 2019
Rep. McBath, Lucy [D-GA-6]	D · GA		Aug 30, 2019
Rep. Walden, Greg [R-OR-2]	R · OR		Aug 30, 2019
Rep. Flores, Bill [R-TX-17]	R · TX		Sep 10, 2019
Rep. Gianforte, Greg [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		Sep 10, 2019
Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	R · MI		Sep 10, 2019
Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Sep 10, 2019
Rep. Guthrie, Brett [R-KY-2]	R · KY		Oct 16, 2019
Rep. Amodei, Mark E. [R-NV-2]	R · NV		Nov 13, 2019
Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Feb 13, 2020
Rep. Brindisi, Anthony [D-NY-22]	D · NY		Oct 20, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 3, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 14	Related bill	<b>Nov 2, 2020:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
116 HR 4995	Related bill	<b>Sep 22, 2020:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
116 S 2586	Related bill	<b>Sep 26, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
116 S 1895	Related bill	<b>Jul 8, 2019:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 133.

## Summary (as of Aug 30, 2019)

### Excellence in Maternal Health Act of 2019

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish specified grant programs to support positive maternal health care outcomes for pregnant and postpartum women and their infants. Specifically, grants must be used to (1) develop best practices to reduce preventable maternal mortality; (2) train health care professionals about reducing and preventing discrimination when providing maternal health services; (3) support the collaboration of professionals across health settings with respect to maternal health; and may be used to (4) establish evidence-informed, integrated health care services to pregnant and postpartum women and their infants.

HHS also must contract with an independent research organization to study and make recommendations about best practices for reducing and preventing discrimination in the provision of maternal health services. HHS also must meet certain reporting requirements for specified maternal and child health care grant programs.

### Actions Timeline

- **Sep 3, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Aug 30, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 30, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.