

## HR 8027

Maternal Health Pandemic Response Act of 2020

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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### Sponsor

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| Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]       | D · IL        |      | Aug 18, 2020 |
| Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]             | D · PA        |      | Aug 18, 2020 |
| Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]  | D · DE        |      | Aug 22, 2020 |
| Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]                 | D · CT        |      | Sep 1, 2020  |
| Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]       | D · TX        |      | Sep 1, 2020  |
| Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]          | D · NY        |      | Dec 3, 2020  |

## Committee Activity

| Committee                         | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Education and Workforce Committee | House   | Referred To | Aug 11, 2020 |
| Energy and Commerce Committee     | House   | Referred To | Aug 11, 2020 |
| Natural Resources Committee       | House   | Referred to | Sep 4, 2020  |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

| Bill       | Relationship   | Last Action                                                                                       |
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| 116 S 4769 | Identical bill | Sep 30, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. |

## Summary (as of Aug 11, 2020)

### Maternal Health Pandemic Response Act of 2020

This bill addresses maternal health during the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) emergency by supporting data collection, development of COVID-19 therapeutics and workplace protections, and other activities.

Specifically, the Department of Health and Human Services must issue guidance for states and local health departments on collecting data on pregnancy and postpartum status in conjunction with COVID-19 tests. In addition, the bill provides funds for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to expand particular maternal health surveillance programs. The CDC and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services must also publish pregnancy and postpartum data related to COVID-19, and the CDC and the Indian Health Service must consult with tribes about collecting this data for tribal populations.

Additionally, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Food and Drug Administration must collect information about the effects of COVID-19 therapeutics on pregnant and postpartum individuals. The NIH must also ensure that at least one vaccine will be suitable for that population and must support related research.

In addition, the Department of Labor must implement an emergency temporary standard to protect employees from workplace exposures to the virus that causes COVID-19 that specifically addresses pregnant and postpartum individuals. Certain regulatory requirements shall not apply in developing this standard.

The CDC must also carry out an education campaign about pregnancy and COVID-19 and must establish a task force that addresses maternity care during the COVID-19 emergency.

Furthermore, the Government Accountability Office must report on maternal health and public health emergency preparedness.

## Actions Timeline

- **Sep 4, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.
- **Aug 11, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 11, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, and Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.