

HR 769

Rural MOMS Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Feb 4, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]

Party: Republican • **State:** WA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (16 total)

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| Rep. Balderson, Troy [R-OH-12] | R · OH | | Feb 3, 2021 |
| Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4] | R · OK | | Feb 3, 2021 |
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| Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large] | R · AK | | Feb 24, 2021 |
| Rep. Delgado, Antonio [D-NY-19] | D · NY | | Jun 28, 2021 |
| Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14] | D · IL | | Oct 21, 2021 |
| Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6] | D · CO | | Nov 15, 2021 |
| Rep. Kirkpatrick, Ann [D-AZ-2] | D · AZ | | Feb 25, 2022 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Referred to | Feb 4, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 117 S 1491 | Related bill | Jun 8, 2021: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 70. |

Summary (as of Feb 3, 2021)

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 through FY2026 for the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to establish rural obstetric networks. These networks must foster collaboration to improve birth outcomes and reduce maternal morbidity in rural areas. HRSA also must award demonstration grants to medical schools and other health professional training programs to support education and training on maternal health in rural areas.

In addition, the bill incorporates maternal health services in certain telehealth grant programs. It also revises various research and other activities of the Department of Health and Human Services that pertain to maternal health.

Furthermore, the Government Accountability Office must report on maternal health topics, including health inequities and data issues.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 4, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 3, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 3, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.