

## HR 4605

### Healthy Moms and Babies Act

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jul 13, 2023

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Dec 17, 2024)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1]

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

## Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Jul 13, 2023
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Jul 25, 2023
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Feb 23, 2024
Rep. Lawler, Michael [R-NY-17]	R · NY		May 21, 2024

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 14, 2023
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 17, 2024

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 712	Related bill	Dec 5, 2024: Held at the desk.
118 HR 8532	Related bill	May 31, 2024: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
118 S 948	Identical bill	Mar 22, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## **Healthy Moms and Babies Act**

This bill establishes programs and requirements to support maternal health services under Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

For example, the bill allows state Medicaid programs to cover services that are provided by maternity health homes (designated providers or health teams that provide pregnancy and postpartum coordinated care services). It also establishes a demonstration program to expand telehealth services for pregnant and postpartum women under Medicaid.

The bill also establishes an advisory group on birthing practices for health care professionals, requires a study on Medicaid coverage of doula services, and establishes other requirements relating to the maternal health care workforce. It also requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to develop guidance on ways to address social determinants of health for pregnant and postpartum women and to reduce maternal mortality for Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 17, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 14, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 13, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 13, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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.