

## S 948

### Healthy Moms and Babies Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** IA • **Chamber:** Senate

## Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 22, 2023

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 22, 2023

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 4605	Identical bill	Dec 17, 2024: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
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.

## **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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