



Learning Community Meeting

December 20, 2022

Insights from State Strategies to Improve Maternal
Health and Promote Equity

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- Dr. Linda Elam, Manatt Health
- Heather Howard, State Health and Value Strategies

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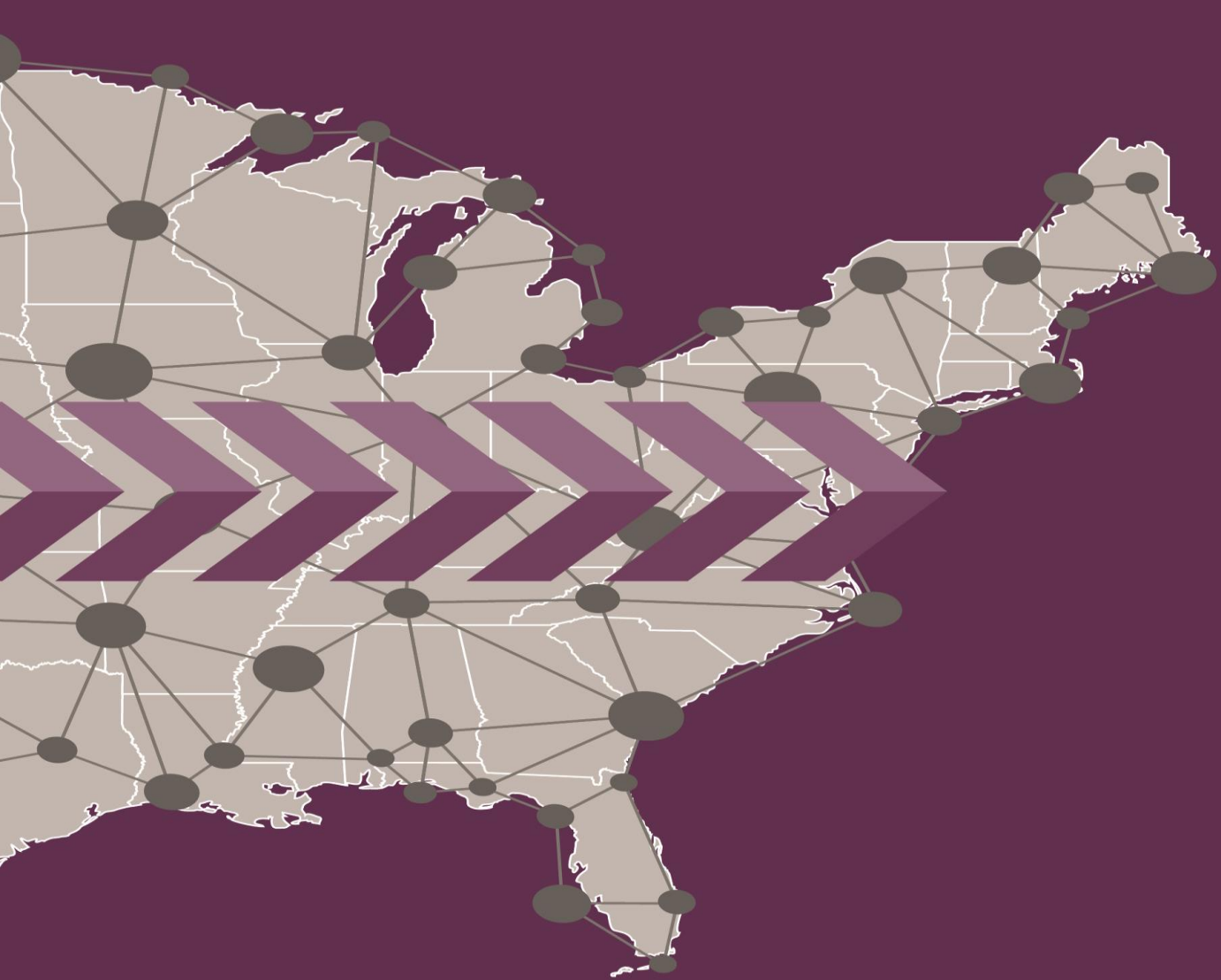
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State Strategies to Improve Maternal Health and Promote Health Equity Compendium

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1:00 – 2:00 p.m. E.T.

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About State Health and Value Strategies

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Background: Medicaid's Role in Maternal Healthcare

Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) have long played a key role in providing maternity-related services for pregnant people.



Medicaid provides a nationwide base of health insurance coverage for low-income pregnant and postpartum people and infants, accounting for **75% of all public expenditures for family planning services and covers close to half of all births nationally.**



Medicaid/CHIP play a particularly **key role in healthcare for pregnant and postpartum people of color**, covering the majority of births among Black, American Indian/Alaskan Native and Latino(a) people. As a result of structural racism in healthcare and other social systems, people of color experience higher rates of maternal mortality and morbidity, low birthweight and infant mortality, and lower life expectancy. Medicaid/CHIP are critical programs that can address these stark disparities and structural, racial inequities in the healthcare system.



Approximately 1.7 million people are currently enrolled in the Medicaid or CHIP pregnant eligibility group. Research shows that coverage before, during, and after pregnancy **facilitates access to care that supports healthy pregnancies, as well as positive maternal and infant outcomes after childbirth.**

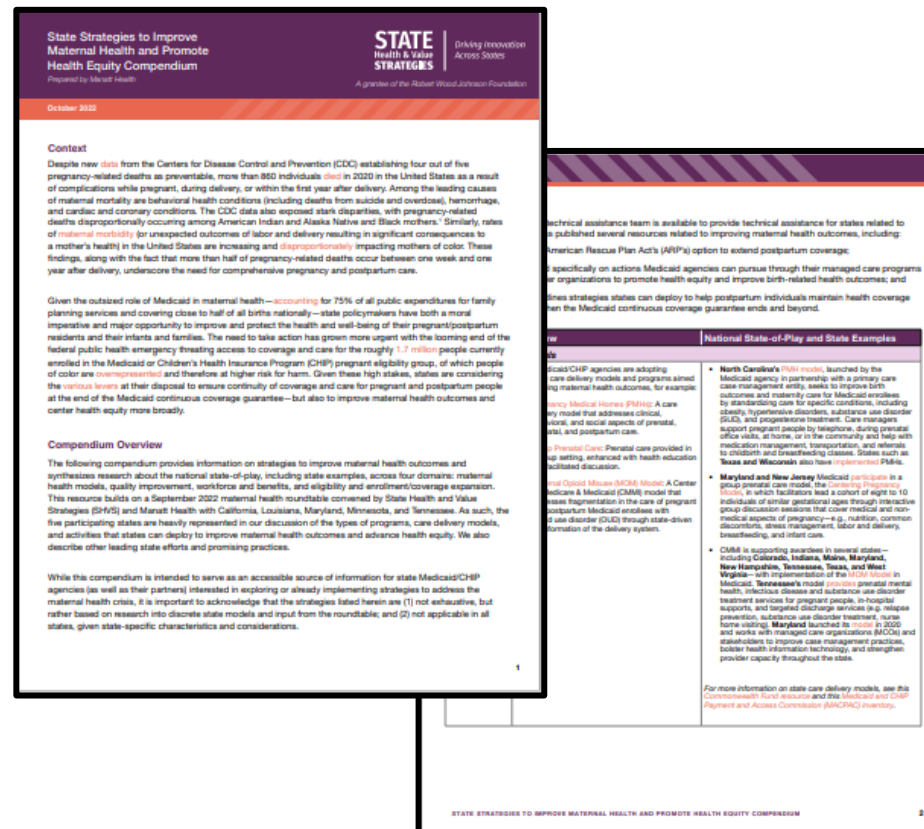
Source: MACPAC, [Medicaid's Role in Maternal Health](#), June 2020; KFF, [Medicaid Initiatives to Improve Maternal and Infant Health and Address Racial Disparities](#), November 2020.

Background: Enabling Effective Partnerships to Improve Maternal Health

Stronger partnerships and learning collaboratives across federal and state government as well as between state agencies can play a key role in improving maternal health in the United States. However, these partnerships do not always materialize, and like-minded agencies are often working in silos.

- Despite aligned missions and overlapping funding sources, state Medicaid and Maternal/Child Health Offices lack joint communication and collaboration processes and structures.
- Title V (Maternal and Child Health or MCH) Block grants, other public health programs and Medicaid have different funding sources and have different reporting requirements that can result in fragmentation.
- In addition, the overwhelming majority of Medicaid maternal healthcare is provided through managed care plans that may have different approaches to managing pregnancy, making coordination more challenging.
- There are opportunities for states to partner with managed care plans, community-based organizations and other partners to improve maternal health outcomes (e.g., referral and delivery of services that address health-related social needs).

State Strategies to Improve Maternal Health and Promote Health Equity Compendium



Available here: [State Strategies to Improve Maternal Health and Promote Health Equity Compendium - RWJF](#)

Discussion



Thank You

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Momnibus Updates

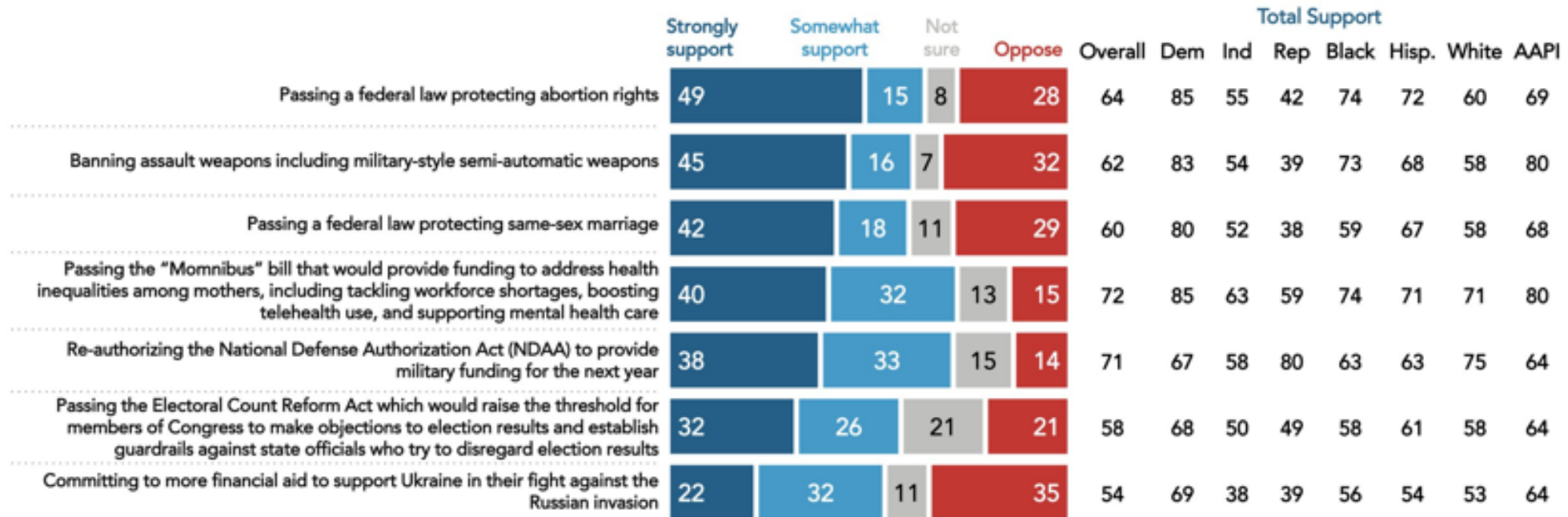
A new Navigator poll shows broad support of passing the Momnibus...

- 72% of all registered voters support passing the Momnibus in 2022 – a higher level of support than any of the other policies included in the poll: NDAA, aid for Ukraine, the Electoral Count Reform Act, abortion rights protections, an assault weapons ban, and same-sex marriage protections.
- 85% of Democrats, 63% of Independents, and 59% of Republicans support passing the Momnibus in 2022.
- More than 70% of voters in every racial and ethnic group supports passing the Momnibus in 2022.

Intensity of Support Highest for Protecting Abortion, Same-Sex Marriage, and Banning Assault Weapons in Lame Duck Congress

In terms of total support, the “*Momnibus*” bill (72% support) and re-authorizing the NDAA (71%) are the most broadly popular.

Below is a list of proposals and policies that Congress may pass in the next two months. Please indicate how much you support or oppose each one.



Nationwide survey of 999 registered voters conducted November 17-November 21, 2022. For more info, visit navigatorresearch.org.

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Recent Resources

- [We Can Do Better: Advancing Maternity Care Together](#)(HHS)
- [Doula Care and Maternal Health: An Evidence Review](#) (HHS ASPE)

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