

Addressing Maternal Health Inequities in Los Angeles County for Black Birthing Individuals



BACKGROUND

The United States has the highest rates of maternal mortality in the industrialized world. Birthing people are twice as likely to die from complications of pregnancy or childbirth in the U.S. than in Canada or the United Kingdom (1). For birthing people of color, the risk is higher. The maternal mortality for Black birthing people in the U.S. is three times higher than the rate for White birthing people (2).

Analysis of Health Net’s disparity dashboard identified that Black Medi-Cal members living in Los Angeles county encounter the largest disparities with respect to the prenatal and postpartum measures. As a health plan, Health Net is committed to identifying and addressing the maternal care disparity gaps present in its members to promote birth equity for all.

PROCESS



“COLLABORATIVE APPROACH TO MATERNAL HEALTH”

NEXT STEPS



1) Roosa Tikkanen et al., Maternal Mortality and Maternity Care in the United States Compared to 10 other Developed Countries (Commonwealth Fund, Nov 2020). 2) Hoyert DL. Maternal mortality rates in the United States, 2020. NCHS Health E-Stats. 2022.