

## What Policymakers Can Do

By aligning policy efforts with data-driven strategies, policymakers can play a key role in improving the quality of maternity care nationwide.

### Policymakers can:

- Advocate for transparency, including reporting by race and ethnicity, by requiring standardized reporting of maternal health outcomes by hospitals and other birthing centers nationally to pinpoint known disparities that allow for effective improvement strategies.
- Support coordinated efforts between hospitals, health care organizations and oversight bodies to drive measurable improvements in maternity care.
- Expand the use of outcomes-based measures in value-based purchasing programs and public reporting at both federal and state levels to incentivize high-quality care.
- Promote hospital participation in the Leapfrog Hospital Survey to assess and improve maternity care safety and quality.

## RESOURCES

[\*Transforming Maternal Health \(TMaH\) Model\*](#), CMS.gov

[\*Maternity Payment Reform\*](#), National Partnership for Women and Families

