

162 Texas Groups Support HB 12 by Rep. Toni Rose

Allowing Moms to Keep their Health Insurance for a Full Year After Pregnancy Will Support the Health of Moms and Babies

Childbirth, one of life's greatest joys, can turn into tragedy when medical issues or pregnancy complications arise. Maternal deaths are the most tragic outcome, but they are the tip of the iceberg. Many more Texas moms face medical issues and complications in the year following pregnancy — such as postpartum depression, cardiac arrest, infection, and extreme blood loss or hemorrhage. These issues often lead to extra hospital stays, long-term health problems for mother and baby, and higher costs to Medicaid and the state.

Texas women with low incomes can get Medicaid coverage while they are pregnant, but after March 2023 the state will resume cutting off coverage 60 days after pregnancy, leaving new moms uninsured at a pivotal time for their health and their baby's healthy development. This is especially worrisome because over one-fourth of maternal deaths in Texas occur between 43 days and one year after pregnancy. Too often, women must rely on hospital emergency rooms for care that could have been prevented — or treated earlier and more cost-efficiently — by a doctor or clinic. The 2022 Texas Maternal Mortality & Morbidity Review Committee (MMMRC) report found that nearly all — 90% — of maternal deaths could have been prevented.

HB 12 would allow mothers to keep Medicaid insurance for one year after pregnancy instead of just two months. Options are limited for low-income, uninsured moms. This bill allows new moms to access needed medications, get consistent health care, and continue seeing their doctor, specialist, or other professional without disruption. HB 12 would offer comprehensive care for new moms, leverage Texas' existing provider network, and allow the state to draw down federal funds. **In contrast to last session, 12-month postpartum coverage has now been implemented by most states, including other Southern states such as Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, and South Carolina.**

Extending coverage to 12 months postpartum is recommended by Governor Abbott in his recent budget proposal, included in the Texas Republican Party platform, and is the top recommendation of the Texas Maternal Mortality & Morbidity Review Committee.

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Supporting Organizations:

Access Esperanza Clinics Inc.
Any Baby Can
American College of Nurse Midwives
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists - District XI
American Diabetes Association
American Heart Association
Association of Substance Abuse Programs
Austin Area Birthing Center
Austin/Travis County 2-Gen Coalition
Austin/Travis County Success By 6 Coalition
AVANCE, Inc.
Baylor College of Medicine Teen Health Clinic
Blessings-Women's Health & Midwifery Services
CareSource Bayou Health
Catholic Charities Family Connects
Center For Civic and Public Policy Improvement
Center for Health Care Services
Center for Transforming Lives
Centering Healthcare Institute
Central Texas Interfaith
Children At Risk
Children's Defense Fund-Texas
Children's Healthcare Coalition
Children's Hospital Association of Texas
Children's Oral Health Coalition
Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran church
Church of the Savior Austin TX
Circle Up, United Women in Faith
Clarity Child Guidance Center
Coalition of Texans with Disabilities
Community Health Network, MyCHN
Consortium of Texas Certified Nurse-Midwives
Council for a Strong America, Texas
Dallas Area Interfaith
Dallas Regional Chamber
Doctors for America (Texas Chapter)
El Paso Health
El Paso Interreligious Sponsoring Organization
Every Body Texas
Every Texan
Family Faith Health Clinic
Family Service Center of Galveston County
First United Methodist Church Denton
Frisco Chamber of Commerce
Frontera Healthcare Network
GALS, Giving Austin Labor Support
Geoffray Strategies, LLC
Good Samaritan Community Services
Greater Arlington Chamber of Commerce
Greater Houston Partnership
Greater Longview United Way
Hand To Hold
Harris County Medicaid Expansion Coalition
Harris Health System
Healing Hands Community Doula Project
Health and Justice Advocacy Network
HealthPoint
Healthy Futures of Texas
Herman H. Fleishman Foundation
HOPE Clinic
Hurst-Eules-Bedford Chamber of Commerce
Janie's Mission
La Fe Policy Research and Education Center
Latino Texas Policy Center
League of Women Voters of Texas
Legacy Community Health
Liaquat Khowaja, Ibn Sina Foundation
Live Oak UU Church
Lovers Lane Birth Center
Lubbock Area United Way
Lumin Education
Mama Peace
Mansfield Chamber of Commerce
March of Dimes
Martin Elementary
Matagorda Episcopal Health Outreach Program
Maternal Upstream Management
Maternity Journey
Memorial Hermann Health System

Mental Health America of Greater Dallas
Mental Health America of Greater Houston
Methodist Healthcare Ministries
Mothers' Milk Bank at Austin
Nacogdoches Area United Way
NAMI Texas
National Association of Social Workers-TX
National Council of Jewish Women Greater Dallas Section
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
Network of Behavioral Health Providers
North Texas Commission
Northeast Tarrant Chamber of Commerce
Northside Independent School District
Parkland Health
Peaceful Planet Foundation
Pegasus Health Justice Center
People's Community Clinic
Postpartum Support International-Texas Chapter
Pregnancy and Postpartum Health Alliance (PPHA)
Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church
Rupani Foundation
San Francisco Nativity Academy of Houston
Santa Maria Hostel, Inc.
Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church
Stephen F. Austin Community Health Center, Inc.
Teaching Hospitals of Texas
Temple Emanu-El, Dallas
Texans Care for Children
Texas Academy of Family Physicians
Texas AFL-CIO
Texas Association of Business
Texas Association of Community Health Centers
Texas Association of Community Health Plans
Texas Association of Health Plans
Texas Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
Texas CASA
Texas Council of Community Centers
Texas Council on Family Violence
Texas Equal Access Fund
Texas Health Institute
Texas Healthcare and Bioscience Institute
Texas Hospital Association

Texas Impact
Texas Medical Association
Texas Parent to Parent
Texas Pediatric Society
Texas Primary Care Consortium
Texas Public Health Coalition
Texas Public Policy Foundation
Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry
Texas Women's Foundation
Texas Women's Healthcare Coalition
Texas 2036
TexProtects
The Afiya Center
The HIVE Maternal Wellness Center
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
The Metropolitan Organization (TMO), Houston
The National Service Office for Nurse-Family Partnership and Child First
The Network of Behavioral Health Providers
THRU Project
Tulip Midwifery. LLC
Unite Us
United Way of Central Texas
United Way of Denton County
United Way of Fannin & Grayson Counties
United Way of Galveston
United Way for Greater Austin
United Way of Metropolitan Dallas
United Way of Mid & South Jefferson County
United Way of Midland
United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County
United Way of Tarrant County
United Ways of Texas
University Health
Unlimited Visions Behavioral Health Institute
Valley Interfaith
Vecino Health Centers
Williamson County Success by 6 Coalition
W Gynecology and Women's Wellness
Women's and Men's Health Services of the Coastal Bend
Woori Juntos
Young Invincibles