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-Euless-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