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Closing Remarks
The case for advancing national and state interventions to address maternal mortality and morbidity

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MARCH OF DIMES LEADS THE FIGHT FOR THE HEALTH OF ALL MOMS AND BABIES.
TREND IN MATERNAL MORTALITY

Pregnancy-related death has more than doubled over the past 25 years.

700 women die from pregnancy-related complications each year.

50,000 women have life-threatening complications of labor and delivery.


*Note: Number of pregnancy-related deaths per 100,000 live births per year.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
INITIATIVES AND INTERVENTIONS TO ADDRESS MATERNAL MORTALITY & MORBIDITY

• Efforts to improve ways to collect data on maternal mortality and SMM, research into their causes and prevention, and promotion of proven ways to keep all mothers healthy.

• Efforts to ensure that all women have quality, affordable health insurance and health care, including postpartum depression screening, mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, affordable contraception and long-acting reversible contraception, and access to health care providers who understand and meet their health needs before, during, and after pregnancy.

• Improving the social and economic conditions and quality of health care at all stages of a woman’s life.
• Ensuring access to inpatient obstetrical facilities and qualified obstetrical providers in rural settings.

• State perinatal quality collaboratives working with hospitals to identify and review cases of SMM and implement hospital-based quality improvement initiatives to improve care and promote patient safety.

• Encouraging every state to have a maternal mortality review committee that investigates each death of a pregnant woman or new mother to understand causes and recommend interventions for the future.

• And last but not least, we support encouraging the acceleration of policies and programs shown to provide preventive and supportive care for women during pregnancy, including group prenatal care.
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