A Public-Private Partnership:

Improving Maternal Health Outcomes for Black Women



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## BACKGROUND: HHS RELEASE OF MATERNAL HEALTH ACTION PLAN

## The Action Plan outlines THREE SPECIFIC TARGETS to help the nation improve its maternal mortality outcomes:



### **TARGET 1:**

Reduce the maternal mortality rate by 50 percent in 5 years.



#### **TARGET 2:**

Reduce the low-risk cesarean delivery rate by 25 percent in 5 years.



#### **TARGET 3:**

Achieve blood pressure control in 80 percent of women of reproductive age with hypertension in 5 years.

### **PROBLEM STATEMENT:**

Black women are at a higher risk of dying during childbirth or experiencing severe negative health outcomes after pregnancy than white women



Non-Hispanic Black women are nearly three times more likely to die from pregnancy or its complications than Non-Hispanic white women.



Severe pregnancy complications (morbidity) are nearly two times higher among Black women than white women



Black women receive different and lowerquality care associated with hospital of delivery

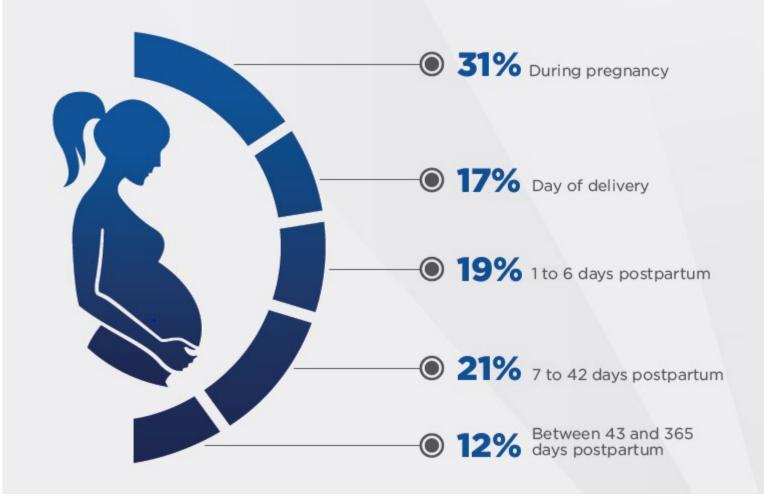


# DATA ON TIMING OF PREGNANCY-RELATED DEATHS:

Data show that onethird of deaths occur on or within 6 days of delivery.

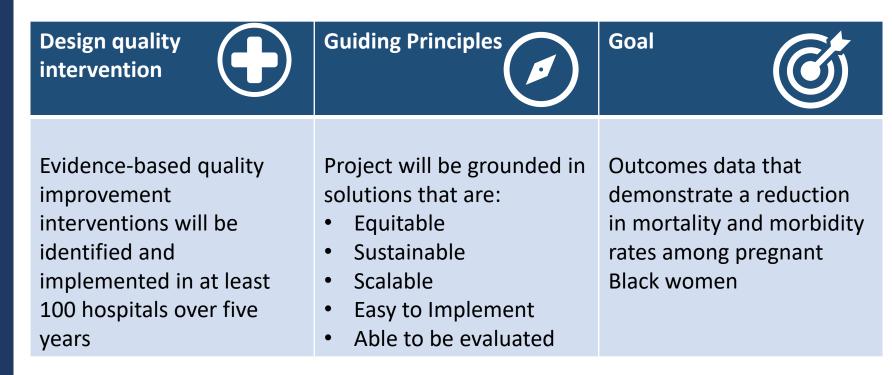
Focusing on the hospital setting is one piece of the puzzle.

## PERCENTAGE OF Pregnancy-Related Deaths



### **OUR VISION:**

Reduce the disparity
gap between Black and
white women in
morbidity and mortality
by leveraging the
hospital setting.



## STRUCTURE OF PROJECT: WHY A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP?



**IMPACT**: Efficiently Achieve

**Targets** 



**SCALE**: Go further - expand reach and coverage



**INNOVATE**: Try Something New



**COMPLEMENT:** Fill gaps



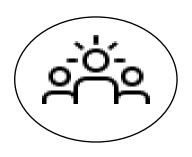
**ACCELERATE**: Go Faster



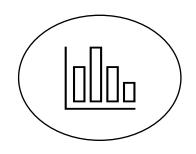
SUSTAIN: Success

## STRUCTURE OF THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP: CORE PARTNER AND ROLES





**Coordination** across HHS offices for expertise and advice

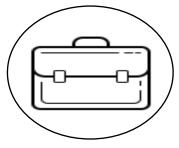


**Baseline Analytics** for hospital identification

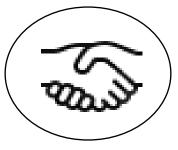


**Practices** for hospital-based quality improvement

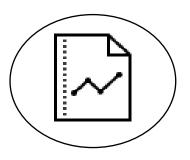




Management & Coordination of project

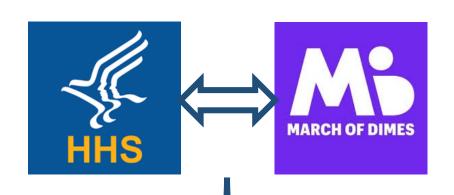


**External Engagement** with Stakeholders



Identification of **Data Collection** options and partners

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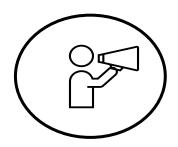




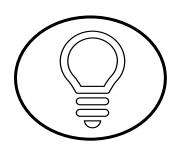
Strategy & Development of Initiative



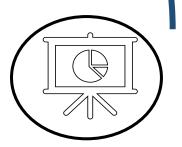
Identification of methodology for hospital selection



**Communications and Hospital Recruitment** 



Development of intervention and scaling strategy



Monitor and Evaluate Outcomes of Initiatives

### PROJECT TIMELINE

PHASE ONE
Planning Phase
06/2020 - 12/2020

PHASE TWO Short-Term 12/2020 – 04/2021 PHASE THREE
Long-Term
04/2021 - 01/2026

Internal Agency Meetings Finalize Structure of PPP Finalize
Partners,
Stakeholder
Groups and
Staffing for
PPP

Begin Initial Phases of Initiative w. Pilot

(Q3 2021)

Initiative Ends (Jan 2026)



















Begin Pitching PPP to Potential Partners Announce Maternal Health Initiative (12/3/2020) Map Out Approach to Initiative Evaluate and Scale Appropriately (2023)



Background

Structure

Focus

Outcomes Measures

Pilot: UnitedHealthcare Community and State

Nations private largest health insurer covering 45 million lives and X births

UHC/MOD
Partnership
announced January
12, 2021

First funder of the PPP

\$2.85 million over 2.5 years

Regional focus (6 states)

25 hospitals

Work with quality improvement experts and stakeholders for design of interventions

Prioritizing quality improvement interventions focused on safe reduction of primary cesarean births

Creating a more equitable culture of care

Deploying standardized protocols for race, ethnicity, and language data collection & monitoring

Initiative will be evaluated based on:

Reduction in
Black/white gap in
severe maternal
morbidity rates

Reduction in
Black/white gap in
low-risk cesarean rates

Overall reductions in morbidity and mortality

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### WAYS TO PARTICIPATE AND CONTRIBUTE

Shared vision and commitment to making the US a safer place to give birth regardless of race, ethnicity or geography

- Scaling
- Evaluation
- Data Collection
- Data Analysis
- Staffing

Funding



- Communications
- Marketing
- Branding
- Social Media
- Championing

Amplification of Initiative



- State
- Hospital
- Provider
- Patient
- Researcher
- QI Expertise

Stakeholder Perspective





