Improving Rural Maternal Health: Evidence Informed Policies

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Starting at the Beginning

• Rural residency training track
• National Health Service Corps
FEDERAL & STATE POLICY APPROACHES:
Coverage and Access

• Increase Medicaid reimbursement to cover the cost of care
• Extend Medicaid to 12-months postpartum
• Explore alternative payment model options
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• Enhanced liability protections
  ‣ Ease liability pressures that exacerbate access problems

• Telemedicine
  ‣ Remove barriers to use of telemedicine and ensure adequate reimbursement
Next Steps

We appreciate working with HHS and other valued partners to improve rural maternal health