

Improving Rural Maternal Health: Evidence Informed Policies

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WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE PHYSICIANS

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**



Coverage and Access

- **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**

