



## **Blood Pressure MATTERS Act**

The Blood Pressure MATTERS Act addresses maternal morbidity and mortality by requiring Medicaid, CHIP, and commercial health insurers to provide pregnant and postpartum moms blood pressure monitoring devices, without cost sharing with the patient.

High blood pressure during pregnancy carries significant risks for the mother and baby, including preeclampsia, placental abruption, and premature birth. Rates of gestational hypertension are higher among Black and Native American mothers, contributing to racial health disparities and the Black maternal mortality crisis.

Hypertension during pregnancy can lead to harmful outcomes for the pregnant person and baby. High blood pressure can limit blood flow to the placenta, slowing fetal growth, contribute to placental abruption, and premature delivery

To address gestational hypertension, this bill will provide the tools pregnant people need to monitor their health at home and seek the care they need.

**Endorsing Organizations:** Abortion Forward (OH), Advocates for Youth, the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network, Birth in Color, Birthmark, Central Phoenix Inez Casiano NOW, Courage California, Desiree Alliance, Every Mother Counts, Ipas US, Lawyering Project, Lilith Fund, Medical Students for Choice, Nancy Davis Foundation, NASPAG, National Organization for Women, National Partnership for Women and Families, Oshun Family Center, Pennsylvania Religious Coalition for Reproductive Justice, People Power United, Religious Community for Reproductive Choice, Texas Equal Access Fund

