

2018 Open Issues Submission (Issue Reserved by Council for Deliberation)

TOPIC	REQUEST OF MMA	RATIONALE	Author Name (Component/Specialty Society)
<p>Reduce Rising Rates of Maternal Mortality and Severe Maternal Morbidity in Minnesota.</p>	<p>We want the MMA to support efforts to reduce rising rates of maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity in Minnesota.</p> <p>Support federal grant program for state maternal mortality review committees.</p> <p>Support state perinatal quality care collaboratives.</p> <p>Support the establishment and maintenance of state maternal mortality review committees.</p>	<p>The current U.S. maternal mortality ratio is heavily influenced by a higher rate of death among non-Hispanic black or unmarried patients with unplanned pregnancies. Racial disparities in health care availability and access or utilization by underserved populations are important issues faced by states seeking to decrease maternal mortality.</p> <p>Passing this resolution would signal our commitment to excellence in maternal health care. It would put our state on the path to alignment with best practices in obstetric care being implemented across the country. It would help galvanize the public and the support of our state legislators to join with us in confronting and preventing maternal mortality and morbidity.</p> <p>Fund it, study it, prevent it.</p> <p>The death of a woman during pregnancy, childbirth, or the year postpartum is a rare and tragic event. Unfortunately, it happens too often in the United States. Pregnancy-related deaths increased from seven deaths per 100,000 live births in 1987 to nearly 16 deaths per 100,000 live births in 2012. Maternal health experts actively search for answers about why the ratio of pregnancy-related deaths in the United States is higher than other developed nations, why it is increasing, and why the disparity by race/ethnicity is widening. State-level maternal mortality review committees – the gold standard for maternal mortality surveillance – have a critical role in answering these questions. Maternal mortality review committee members serve as key stakeholders in prevention efforts.</p>	<p>Cresta Jones, MD, FACOG (MN ACOG)</p>
<p>Current MMA Policy:</p> <p>110.36 Continuation of Minnesota Maternal Mortality Studies</p> <p>The Minnesota Medical Association shall work with the commissioner of health to seek to continue Department of Health authority to access health records regarding maternal mortality studies (Minn. Stat. 145.90). The MMA, if necessary, shall work with the Department of Health to introduce legislation in this area. HD-R400-2000</p>			