

12 months of postpartum care is rooted in clinical evidence. Some of the most dangerous pregnancy-related complications (e.g., **eclampsia, blood clots, cardiomyopathy, strokes**)ⁱⁱⁱ may not surface until months after delivery. Without access to health coverage, these conditions can go undetected and untreated, sometimes turning deadly.

Healthy women make for healthy economies. Policymakers should consider the financial toll to individuals, families and communities. Maternal morbidity costs billions of dollars every year. We can avoid these costs if people remain covered under Medicaid and have their conditions addressed before they become severe. ^{iv}



The estimated total maternal morbidity costs for all U.S. births in 2019 is \$32.3 billion. ^v

Iowa cannot afford to ignore the impact of maternal mortality and morbidity and must take decisive action to prevent maternal deaths. **Enact 12 month postpartum Medicaid coverage to support the health of Iowa moms and babies, and Iowa's economy.**

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