

# 162 Texas Groups Support HB 12 by Rep. Toni Rose

## Allowing Moms to Keep their Health Insurance for a Full Year After Pregnancy Will Support the Health of Moms and Babies

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Childbirth, one of life's greatest joys, can turn into tragedy when medical issues or pregnancy complications arise. Maternal deaths are the most tragic outcome, but they are the tip of the iceberg. Many more Texas moms face medical issues and complications in the year following pregnancy — such as postpartum depression, cardiac arrest, infection, and extreme blood loss or hemorrhage. These issues often lead to extra hospital stays, long-term health problems for mother and baby, and higher costs to Medicaid and the state.

Texas women with low incomes can get Medicaid coverage while they are pregnant, but after March 2023 the state will resume cutting off coverage 60 days after pregnancy, leaving new moms uninsured at a pivotal time for their health and their baby's healthy development. This is especially worrisome because over one-fourth of maternal deaths in Texas occur between 43 days and one year after pregnancy. Too often, women must rely on hospital emergency rooms for care that could have been prevented — or treated earlier and more cost-efficiently — by a doctor or clinic. The 2022 Texas Maternal Mortality & Morbidity Review Committee (MMMRC) report found that nearly all — 90% — of maternal deaths could have been prevented.

**HB 12 would allow mothers to keep Medicaid insurance for one year after pregnancy instead of just two months.** Options are limited for low-income, uninsured moms. This bill allows new moms to access needed medications, get consistent health care, and continue seeing their doctor, specialist, or other professional without disruption. HB 12 would offer comprehensive care for new moms, leverage Texas' existing provider network, and allow the state to draw down federal funds. **In contrast to last session, 12-month postpartum coverage has now been implemented by most states, including other Southern states such as Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, and South Carolina.**

**Extending coverage to 12 months postpartum is recommended by Governor Abbott in his recent budget proposal, included in the Texas Republican Party platform, and is the top recommendation of the Texas Maternal Mortality & Morbidity Review Committee.**

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## Supporting Organizations:

Access Esperanza Clinics Inc.  
Any Baby Can  
American College of Nurse Midwives  
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists - District XI  
American Diabetes Association  
American Heart Association  
Association of Substance Abuse Programs  
Austin Area Birthing Center  
Austin/Travis County 2-Gen Coalition  
Austin/Travis County Success By 6 Coalition  
AVANCE, Inc.  
Baylor College of Medicine Teen Health Clinic  
Blessings-Women's Health & Midwifery Services  
CareSource Bayou Health  
Catholic Charities Family Connects  
Center For Civic and Public Policy Improvement  
Center for Health Care Services  
Center for Transforming Lives  
Centering Healthcare Institute  
Central Texas Interfaith  
Children At Risk  
Children's Defense Fund-Texas  
Children's Healthcare Coalition  
Children's Hospital Association of Texas  
Children's Oral Health Coalition  
Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran church  
Church of the Savior Austin TX  
Circle Up, United Women in Faith  
Clarity Child Guidance Center  
Coalition of Texans with Disabilities  
Community Health Network, MyCHN  
Consortium of Texas Certified Nurse-Midwives  
Council for a Strong America, Texas  
Dallas Area Interfaith  
Dallas Regional Chamber  
Doctors for America (Texas Chapter)  
El Paso Health  
El Paso Interreligious Sponsoring Organization  
Every Body Texas  
Every Texan  
Family Faith Health Clinic  
Family Service Center of Galveston County  
First United Methodist Church Denton  
Frisco Chamber of Commerce  
Frontera Healthcare Network  
GALS, Giving Austin Labor Support  
Geoffray Strategies, LLC  
Good Samaritan Community Services  
Greater Arlington Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Houston Partnership  
Greater Longview United Way  
Hand To Hold  
Harris County Medicaid Expansion Coalition  
Harris Health System  
Healing Hands Community Doula Project  
Health and Justice Advocacy Network  
HealthPoint  
Healthy Futures of Texas  
Herman H. Fleishman Foundation  
HOPE Clinic  
Hurst-Eules-Bedford Chamber of Commerce  
Janie's Mission  
La Fe Policy Research and Education Center  
Latino Texas Policy Center  
League of Women Voters of Texas  
Legacy Community Health  
Liaquat Khowaja, Ibn Sina Foundation  
Live Oak UU Church  
Lovers Lane Birth Center  
Lubbock Area United Way  
Lumin Education  
Mama Peace  
Mansfield Chamber of Commerce  
March of Dimes  
Martin Elementary  
Matagorda Episcopal Health Outreach Program  
Maternal Upstream Management  
Maternity Journey  
Memorial Hermann Health System

Mental Health America of Greater Dallas  
Mental Health America of Greater Houston  
Methodist Healthcare Ministries  
Mothers' Milk Bank at Austin  
Nacogdoches Area United Way  
NAMI Texas  
National Association of Social Workers-TX  
National Council of Jewish Women Greater Dallas Section  
National Multiple Sclerosis Society  
Network of Behavioral Health Providers  
North Texas Commission  
Northeast Tarrant Chamber of Commerce  
Northside Independent School District  
Parkland Health  
Peaceful Planet Foundation  
Pegasus Health Justice Center  
People's Community Clinic  
Postpartum Support International-Texas Chapter  
Pregnancy and Postpartum Health Alliance (PPHA)  
Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church  
Rupani Foundation  
San Francisco Nativity Academy of Houston  
Santa Maria Hostel, Inc.  
Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church  
Stephen F. Austin Community Health Center, Inc.  
Teaching Hospitals of Texas  
Temple Emanu-El, Dallas  
Texans Care for Children  
Texas Academy of Family Physicians  
Texas AFL-CIO  
Texas Association of Business  
Texas Association of Community Health Centers  
Texas Association of Community Health Plans  
Texas Association of Health Plans  
Texas Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
Texas CASA  
Texas Council of Community Centers  
Texas Council on Family Violence  
Texas Equal Access Fund  
Texas Health Institute  
Texas Healthcare and Bioscience Institute  
Texas Hospital Association

Texas Impact  
Texas Medical Association  
Texas Parent to Parent  
Texas Pediatric Society  
Texas Primary Care Consortium  
Texas Public Health Coalition  
Texas Public Policy Foundation  
Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry  
Texas Women's Foundation  
Texas Women's Healthcare Coalition  
Texas 2036  
TexProtects  
The Afiya Center  
The HIVE Maternal Wellness Center  
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society  
The Metropolitan Organization (TMO), Houston  
The National Service Office for Nurse-Family Partnership and Child First  
The Network of Behavioral Health Providers  
THRU Project  
Tulip Midwifery. LLC  
Unite Us  
United Way of Central Texas  
United Way of Denton County  
United Way of Fannin & Grayson Counties  
United Way of Galveston  
United Way for Greater Austin  
United Way of Metropolitan Dallas  
United Way of Mid & South Jefferson County  
United Way of Midland  
United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County  
United Way of Tarrant County  
United Ways of Texas  
University Health  
Unlimited Visions Behavioral Health Institute  
Valley Interfaith  
Vecino Health Centers  
Williamson County Success by 6 Coalition  
W Gynecology and Women's Wellness  
Women's and Men's Health Services of the Coastal Bend  
Woori Juntos  
Young Invincibles