

HB 4189
Healthy Moms,
Healthy Babies

Maternal and Infant
Health Supplemental

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What is the current status of Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies?

- The 2020-21 budget included:
- \$15.6 million (\$4.7 million GF) to extend postpartum Medicaid coverage from 2 to 12 months.
- \$4.9 million in GF for prenatal care outreach in-home programming.
- \$2.25 million in GF for family preservation in-home programming.
- \$750,000 in GF for behavioral health services through Michigan Child Collaborative Care.

A close-up photograph of a woman with long dark hair, wearing a dark jacket, holding a sleeping baby wrapped in a white blanket. The woman is looking down at the baby with a gentle expression. The background is softly blurred, showing other people in a public setting.

What was missing from this proposal?

- Funding programs that protect the innocent lives of children and help mothers, caretakers, and families facing the difficulty of having children.
- Despite past efforts to support pregnant mothers, there were over 27,000 abortions conducted in Michigan in 2019. Sadly, there are estimated that only 300 private infant adoptions occurred.

What is HB 4189 proposing?

\$10 million in funding for an infant adoption marketing program:

- Includes brochures and pamphlets on adoption as an alternative to abortion.
- Most of the funding would be used for marketing and billboard type advertising, with a smaller portion to be utilized for direct to individual brochure and pamphlet marketing.



Additional resources:

\$3 million for at least 2 Maternal Navigator Pilot Programs in different parts of our state.

- Nonprofit counseling or service organizations that promote childbirth and alternatives to abortion.
- Provide parents with nutritional, prenatal, postnatal, and neonatal care as well as the latest developments in prenatal and neonatal medicine.
- Provide counseling and spiritual assistance to support individuals facing difficult pregnancies and parenting, including engaged or married couples who may have concerns about the health of their future offspring.
- Provide support and counseling for victims of rape and other forms of abuse and violence that results in a pregnancy.
- Provide specialized SUD services, including residential treatment services.



Special Programs

- \$1.5 million: Grants to support the work of each pregnancy resource center in Michigan.
- \$500,000 to fund the Pregnant and Parenting Student Services Act (2004 PA 500) to provide opportunities for teen and college-age parents to continue their education during pregnancy and child birth.



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Thank you!

