



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
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2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Green
3. The cosponsoring representatives' names. All cosponsors must be listed. If none, please type 'n/a.' A signed letter from the sponsor approving the co-sponsorship and a signed letter from the member wishing to co-sponsor are required. Attach letters at question #9 below.
Rep. Glanville, Rep. Witwer, & Rep. Pohutsky
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
Wayne State University Office of Women's Health – Coordinating Center Current Sites: Corewell Health William Beaumont University Hospital (Royal Oak) Corewell Health Dearborn Corewell Health Gynecologic Surgical Specialties (Grand Rapids) Henry Ford Health Hurley Medical Center Hutzel Women's Health Specialists (Detroit, Hamtramck & Warren locations) McLaren Flint Hospital University of Michigan Health – Sparrow Hospital Trinity Health Ann Arbor University of Michigan Wayne Health Prospective Sites: Aspirus Ironwood Hospital Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital and Clinics Covenant Healthcare OB/GYN Great Lakes Bay Health Centers Marshfield Medical Center - Dickinson Munson Medical Center MyMichigan Medical Center Sault OSF HealthCare St. Francis Hospital & Medical Group UP Health System Marquette UP Health System Bell UP Health System Portage
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
Wayne State University Office of Women's Health – Coordinating Center, 6135 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48202 Current Sites: Corewell Health Dearborn Hospital, 18101 Oakwood Blvd Ste 410, Dearborn, MI 48124; Corewell Health Gynecologic Surgical Specialties, 25 Michigan St Northeast Suite 6200, Grand Rapids, MI 49503; Corewell Health William Beaumont University Hospital, 3601 W. 13 Mile Rd, Royal Oak, MI 48073; Henry Ford Health System, 2799 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48202; Hurley Medical Center, One Hurley Plaza, Flint, MI 48503; Hutzel Women's Health Specialists, 4727 St. Antoine Ste 304, Detroit, MI 48201; Hutzel Women's Health Specialists, 9015 Joseph Campau St, Hamtramck, MI 48212; Hutzel Women's

Health Specialists, 28800 Ryan Rd Ste #200, Warren, MI 48092; McLaren Flint Hospital, 401 South Ballenger Hwy, Flint, MI 48532; Trinity Health Michigan dba Michigan Heart, 5325 Elliott Dr, Ypsilanti, MI 48197; University of Michigan Health – Sparrow Hospital, 1200 E Michigan Ave #550, Lansing, MI 48912; University of Michigan Health - Von Voigtlander Women’s Hospital, 1500 E. Medical Center Dr, Ann Arbor, MI 48109; Wayne Health, 400 Mack Ave, Detroit, MI 48201.

6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
N/A

7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:

Current Sites: West Michigan Prosperity Alliance (Prosperity Region 4) Representative Carol Glanville (84th House District): Corewell Health Gynecologic Surgical Specialties; East Michigan Prosperity Region (Prosperity Region 6) Representative Cynthia Neeley (70th House District): Hurley Medical Center; McLaren Flint Hospital; South Central Prosperity Region (Prosperity Region 7) Representative Emily Dievendorf (77th House District): University of Michigan Health – Sparrow Hospital; Southeast Prosperity Region (Prosperity Region 9) Representative Jason Morgan (23rd House District): Trinity Health Michigan; University of Michigan Health – Von Voigtlander Women’s Hospital; Detroit Metro Prosperity Region (Prosperity Region 10) Representative Alabas Farhat (3rd House District): Corewell Health Dearborn Hospital, Representative Natalie Price (6th House District): Corewell Health William Beaumont University Hospital, Representative Joe Tate (9th House District): Hutzel Women’s Health Specialists-Detroit; Wayne Health; Wayne State University Office of Women’s Health – Coordinating Center, Representative Tonya Myers Phillips (7th House District): Henry Ford Health System; Hutzel Women’s Health Specialists-Hamtramck, Representative Mike McFall (14th House District): Hutzel Women’s Health Specialists-Warren.

Prospective Sites: Upper Peninsula Prosperity Alliance (Prosperity Regions 1a-1c) Prosperity Region 1a – Western UP Prosperity Region Representative Greg Markkanen (110th House District): Aspirus Ironwood Hospital; UP Health System Portage; Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital and Clinics; Prosperity Region 1b - Central UP Prosperity Region Representative Karl Bohnak (109th House District): UP Health System Marquette and UP Health System Bell Representative Greg Markkanen (110th House District): Marshfield Medical Center - Dickinson Representative Dave Prestin (108th House District): OSF HealthCare St. Francis Hospital & Medical Group; Prosperity Region 1c – Eastern UP Prosperity Region Representative Parker Fairbairn (107th House District): MyMichigan Medical Center Sault; Northwest Prosperity Region (Prosperity Region 2) – Traverse City Representative John Roth (104th House District): Munson Medical Center; East Central Michigan Prosperity Region (Prosperity Region 5) Representative Amos O’Neal (94th House District): Covenant Healthcare OB/GYN; Great Lakes Bay Health Centers.

8. Purpose of the legislatively directed spending item. Please include how it provides a public benefit and why it is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding. Please also demonstrate that the item does not violate Article IV, S 30 of the Michigan Constitution.

SOS MATERNITY in Michigan merges medical and structural interventions to improve maternal-child health outcomes. This is accomplished through dissemination & implementation of evidence-based best practices, community engagement, educational programming, research and advocacy measures. This expanding coalition of healthcare institutions across the state is designed to broadly provide bundled maternal care to as many pregnant Michigan residents as possible, promoting community health across patient populations.

9. Attach documents here if needed:

Attachments added to the end of this file.

10. The amount of state funding requested for the legislatively directed spending item.

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11. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received any of the following types of funding? Check all that apply.

["State"]

12. Please select one of the following groups that describes the entity requesting the legislatively directed spending item:

University/College

13. For a non-profit organization, has the organization been operating within Michigan for the preceding 36 months?

Not applicable

14. For a non-profit organization, has the entity had a physical office within Michigan for the preceding 12 months?

Not applicable

15. For a non-profit organization, does the organization have a board of directors?

Not applicable

16. For a non-profit organization, list all the active members on the organization's board of directors and any other officers. If this question is not applicable, please type 'n/a.'

N/A

17. "I certify that neither the sponsoring representative nor the sponsoring representative's staff or immediate family has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the legislatively directed spending item."

Yes, this is correct

18. Anticipated start and end dates for the legislatively directed spending item:

October 1, 2025-September, 30 2026


19. "I hereby certify that all information provided in this request is true and accurate."


Yes



SOS MATERNITY NETWORK IN MICHIGAN

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SOS MATERNITY'S PROGRAM TO HELP MICHIGAN'S PREGNANT MOMS AND BABIES

Michigan - one of the worst states in America for pregnant moms and babies

In November 2024, the March of Dimes concluded the State of Michigan rated a C- for our efforts to protect the lives and health of our pregnant women and infants.

Why?

- **Preterm Birth Rate:** Michigan's 2024 Provisional Birth File, as reported January 2025, records a statewide preterm birth rate of 12.0% — substantially above the national average of 10.4%.
- **Maternal Mortality Rate:** The latest NCHS data from 2022 reveals that Michigan had a maternal mortality rate of 19.1 deaths per 100,000 live births, dramatically exceeding these rates in other developed nations.
- **Infant Mortality Rate:** In 2023, Michigan's infant mortality rate stood at 6.1 deaths per 1,000 live births higher than the United States' average 2022 rate of 5.6.

Michigan's leading doctors and health systems have come together to take action

Leading doctors from 14 major universities and healthcare systems across the state have come together to do more than read the many reports of worsening maternal and child health outcomes. We know what the best practices are to prevent preterm birth and maternal mortality. We have started to implement them, and want to continue to do so across Michigan. In addition, barriers continue to keep pregnant moms from getting care, and we think it is time we finally addressed them for all.

Please help us continue this fight - it takes all of us together to save our moms and babies!

WHO IS THE SOS MATERNITY NETWORK?

The program is run by Maternal-Fetal Medicine specialists and Obstetricians from leading universities and hospital systems across Michigan. All are participating in a new model for the delivery of care and in rigorous research evaluation led by WSU's Office of Women's Health to show the effect of this model. The network is the first of its kind in this region.

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Trinity Health Ann Arbor

Dr. Pooja Green

University of Michigan Health-Sparrow

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University of Michigan

Dr. Elizabeth Langen

Wayne State University (Coordinating Center of SOS MATERNITY)

Dr. Sonia Hassan

Dr. Robert Sokol

Dr. Hala El Ouweini

Dr. Kameel El Awar

Other sites to be announced soon.



WHAT HAS SOS MATERNITY ACCOMPLISHED?

Since participant enrollment began in June 2024, with the support of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, this program has established robust statewide infrastructure. Over the last nine months, SOS MATERNITY has:

- Initiated operations at **seven clinical sites**, from Detroit to Ypsilanti to Lansing and beyond.
- Enrolled **over 500** SOS MOMs (and counting!) across the state.
- Implemented programming at major Michigan healthcare providers including Detroit Medical Center, Henry Ford Health, Trinity Health and University of Michigan Health.

HOW DOES THE NEW MODEL WORK?

Our model has three important pieces:

1

Standardize best practices across Michigan physicians and focus on the prevention of preeclampsia and preterm birth, which are among the primary causes of deaths of moms and newborns.

2

Increase access to prenatal care, through free and reliable transportation and individualized patient navigators.

3

Create a system of support by providing resources, education materials and reimbursements for time and travel related to prenatal care visits for moms to have the healthiest pregnancy possible.

THE FIGHT IS FAR FROM OVER

Many areas in Michigan lack sufficient obstetrical care providers and suffer from lowering birth rates. In addition to the need in urban regions, eighteen of Michigan's rural counties constitute maternity care deserts: that's over 20% of counties statewide! To meet this need, SOS MATERNITY plans to expand further throughout Michigan to bring the network's program to Michigan moms everywhere.

HOW WILL OUR NETWORK SPEND \$10 MILLION TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF OUR MOMS AND BABIES?

Expenses

1. Best practice payments: Direct incentive payments to providers for delivering the most proven, effective care plans for reducing preterm birth and preeclampsia, under best practices as set forth by the network's medical protocols.
2. Patient transportation
3. Patient navigators at each clinical site - providing coordination of patient recruitment, implementation of protocols and ongoing patient care.
4. Medication distribution
5. Patient financial compensation at enrollment and specific visits

Other expenses: Advertisement, database entry and data analysis, Institutional Review Board fees for each site, office supplies, patient education material, pregnancy planners, town halls and community events

Administration of the SOS Maternity Network by Wayne State University's Office of Women's Health (\$450,000)

- Serve as Coordinating Center for the Network
- Manage partners statewide
- Train patient navigators
- Write protocols for patient practice
- Subcontract administration with sites
- Verify data and distribution of payments to each institution
- Subcontract and management of transportation
- New Site recruitment and on boarding

PRESS RELEASE



Michigan infant mortality rate drops to 6.1%; Doctors say it's still too high

Published: 2:11 PM EST February 20, 2025

For every 1,000 live births in Michigan, six babies die before their first birthday. This is a decrease, but Michigan has one of the highest rates in the country.



New program aims to comprehensively tackle maternal, infant health in Michigan

Published October 30, 2024 at 11:54 AM EDT

A group of Michigan's top maternal health doctors asked themselves a big question: what measures would work best to reduce the state's maternal and infant mortality rate?

Their answer: a new program that will be open to all pregnant people in Michigan. It's called Synergy Of Scholars for Maternal and Infant Health Equity, or "SOS Maternity."



Michigan health network created to fight infant, maternal mortality

Published 7:33 p.m. ET Oct. 28, 2024

Fourteen of Michigan's leading health networks and institutions gathered Monday to announce a collaboration funded with state dollars meant to decrease the state's maternal and infant mortality rates.



Michigan launches 'SOS Maternity Network' to address maternal and infant deaths

Published: October 28, 2024 at 7:17 PM

On Monday (Oct. 28), representatives from 14 healthcare organizations and universities across Michigan came together to try and change that.



Michigan hospitals and universities partner to reduce infant mortality

By Amy Lange and Jack Nissen | Published October 28, 2024 7:28pm EDT | Health | FOX 2 Detroit

Michigan, hospitals partner together for maternity network

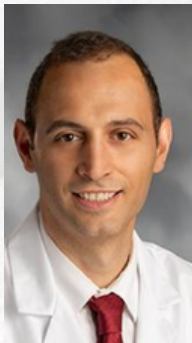
A new kind of union has launched in Michigan with an aim at reducing the disparity of complications that happen during child birth while connecting more mothers with important resources during pregnancy. The SOS MATERNITY will tackle infant mortality from varying angles.



MEET THE SOS MATERNITY NETWORK DOCTORS



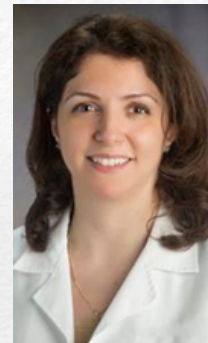
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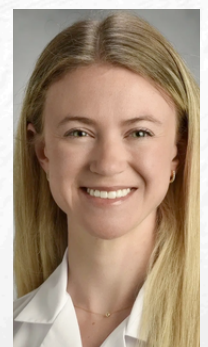
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Together Let's Save Our Moms and Babies!

Works Cited



SOS MATERNITY Network in Michigan

What is the biggest problem facing Michigan families?

The state suffers a maternal health crisis disproportionately impacting low-income and rural patients amid declining birth rates.

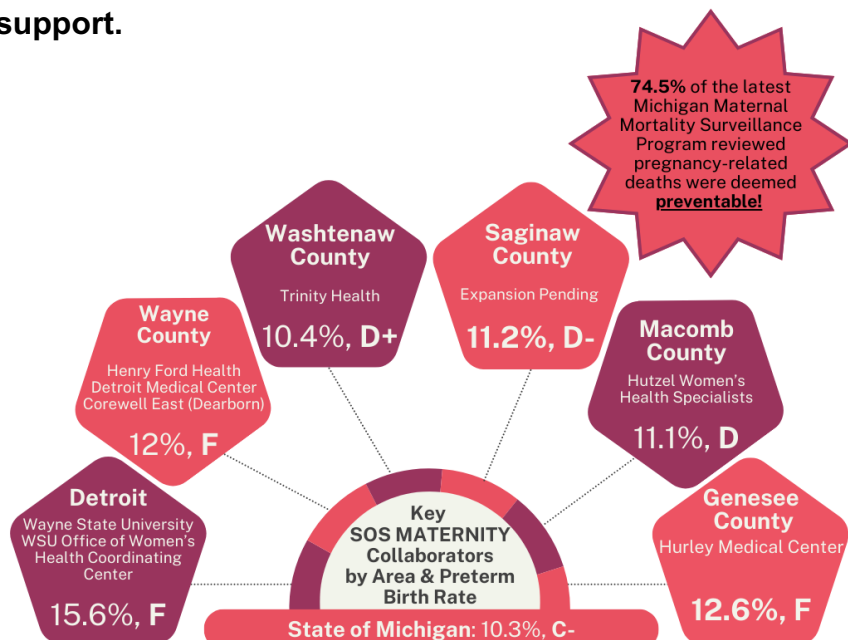


- In 2024, March of Dimes identified 18 rural counties across the state as maternity care deserts – over *one in five* Michigan counties!
- Last year, Michigan earned a preterm birth grade of C- as infant mortality and adequate prenatal care metrics worsened.

What is SOS MATERNITY doing to help?

The Synergy of Scholars for Maternal and Infant Health Equity – also known as SOS MATERNITY in Michigan – is a state-wide program to improve maternal and infant health outcomes.

- This first-of-its-kind network spans **14 collaborating institutions**, uniting Michigan's leading physicians and maternal-fetal medicine specialists to reduce morbidity and mortality.
- Since launch in 2024, SOS MATERNITY's **seven enrolling sites** from Detroit to Ypsilanti to Lansing have served **500+ SOS MOMs!**
- Ongoing network expansion to reach low-income, rural families in need requires \$10 million **sustained funding and legislative support.**



Visit us at sosmaternity.org to learn more!

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