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# 2019 Legislative Session Key Outcomes

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# Outline



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## Legislation for DSHS

- Maternal Mortality & Morbidity
- Newborn Screening

## Legislation for HHSC

- Medicaid

# DSHS | Senate Bill 436



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- Implement initiative to improve maternal care for women with opioid use disorder
- Pilot to be completed by March 1, 2020.

# DSHS | Senate Bill 748



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## Maternal Mortality & Morbidity

- Directs Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee to collaborate and consult with HHSC on maternal and women's health
- Launch pilot for women at high-risk for complications during and after pregnancy
- Directs DSHS to apply for CDC grant

## Newborn Screening

- Requires fees to cover costs for newborn screening
- Creates special Preservation Account
- Requires testing for congenital syphilis at time of delivery

# DSHS | Senate Bill 749



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- Directs DSHS to review implementation of rules for neonatal and maternal levels of care
- Delays Medicaid requirement for maternal levels of care from 2020 to 2021
- Establishes a waiver and revised appeals process

# DSHS | Senate Bill 750



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- Directs DSHS to rename Task Force to Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee
- Requires hospitals and other providers to submit deceased patient records to DSHS within 30 days of request
- Allows DSHS to release information to CDC to meet ERASE MM grant requirements



## Maternal Mortality & Morbidity

- Sustain and implement additional maternal safety bundles
- Launch high-risk maternal care coordination pilot
- Design and implement public awareness campaign

## Newborn Screening

- Received start-up and path to sustained funding for additional screens

# HHSC | Medicaid for Pregnant Women



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## Benefits

- Comprehensive prenatal care, including office visits, labs, and ultrasounds
- Fetal surveillance
- Labor and delivery care
- Postpartum care, including depression screening

## Service Management

- For high-risk pregnant women
- Includes developing a person-centered service plan and package of care to meet primary, acute, and specialty service needs

## Care Continuity

- May continue care with current provider, even if out-of-network:
- For up to 90 days until transfer to in-network provider
- Through postpartum check-up if past the 24th week of pregnancy



# HHSC | Senate Bill 748



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## **Requires HHSC to implement two pilot programs: Pregnancy Medical Home and Maternal Teleservices**

Each pilot must be implemented in:

- Two counties with populations > 2 million
- One county with a population of >100,000 and <500,000
- One rural county with high rates of maternal mortality and morbidity

# HHSC | Pregnancy Medical Home



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- Surveying providers and health plans to inform pilot requirements. All newly awarded STAR health plans will have the opportunity to participate.
- Expanding previous pilot with Texas Children's Health Plan and the Center for Children and Women.

Findings Associated with The Center	
Prenatal Care Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• More time in prenatal care</li><li>• Lower emergency department utilization</li></ul>
Birth Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lower rate of C-section deliveries</li><li>• Lower rate of NICU admissions</li></ul>
Postpartum Care Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• More likely to attend postpartum visit</li><li>• Lower rate of postpartum anemia</li><li>• More likely to receive long-acting reversible contraception (LARC)</li><li>• More likely to receive a breast pump</li></ul>

# HHSC | Maternal Teleservices



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Requirement	Implementation Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Develop a pilot program to deliver maternal care via telehealth and telemedicine</li><li>• Evaluate the use of telemedicine services for women during pregnancy and the postpartum period</li><li>• Conduct a study on the costs and benefits of providing reimbursement for maternity care through telehealth and telemedicine</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conducting research and analysis</li><li>• Engaged external quality review organization for cost-benefit analysis</li><li>• Evaluating utilization of teleservices among pregnant women</li><li>• Will present research to the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee (MMMRC) in March</li></ul>

# HHSC | Senate Bill 750



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- Federally Funded Model of Care for Opioid Use
- Enhanced Medicaid Prenatal/Postpartum Care Services
- Continuity of Care for Women's Health Services
- Assess Healthy Texas Women (HTW) in Managed Care
- Statewide Quality Initiatives for Maternal Care
- Postpartum Depression Treatment Network

# HHSC | Opioid Use Model of Care



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Requirement	Implementation Status
<p>Apply for federal funding to implement a model of care for certain women with opioid use disorder and their children</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Texas among 10 states awarded funding to implement the Maternal Opioid Misuse (MOM) Model</li><li>• Partnered with Harris Health System's Ben Taub Hospital and Santa Maria Hostel to implement the model of care in the Houston area in January 2020</li><li>• In 2021 a multidisciplinary clinic will be established</li></ul>

# HHSC | Senate Bill 750



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Requirement	Implementation Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enhance prenatal care services in Medicaid</li><li>• Ensure continuity of care for women who transition from Medicaid to Healthy Texas Women (HTW)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conducting research to determine options by Spring 2020</li><li>• Surveying health plans on current efforts</li><li>• Reviewing research on care coordination in the third trimester</li><li>• Evaluating impact of Medicaid reimbursement for pregnancy risk assessment</li></ul>

# HHSC | Senate Bill 750



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Requirement	Implementation Status
Assess providing HTW services through managed care	Conducting analysis by Spring 2020, including input from stakeholders
Implement postpartum depression treatment network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Including this requirement in the Postpartum Depression Strategic Plan scheduled for publication in September 2020</li><li>• Engaging health plans and HTW providers</li></ul>

# HHSC | Senate Bill 750



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Requirement	Implementation Status
<p>Develop statewide initiatives to improve the quality of maternal care services and outcomes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Evaluating pregnancy-associated outcome measures for MCOs for severe maternal morbidity</li><li>• Engaging workgroup to identify meaningful quality measures and potential alternative payment models for MCOs</li><li>• Identifying and sharing best-practices from health plans to improve timeliness of prenatal and postpartum care and to reduce health disparities</li><li>• Participating in learning collaborative regarding MCO Social Determinants of Health</li></ul>





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# Thank you

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