



The Midwives for Maximizing Optimal Maternity Services Act (H.R. 3849)

The [Midwives for MOMS Act](#) is a federal bill in the 116th Session of Congress to address the growing maternity care provider shortage, to improve maternity care outcomes for mothers and babies, and to reduce maternity care costs for families and state/federal governments by expanding educational opportunities for Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs), Certified Midwives (CMs) and Certified Professional Midwives (CPMs).

H.R. 3849 will establish two new funding streams for accredited midwifery education, one in Title VII Health Professions Training Programs, and one in the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs. Additionally, the bill will address the significant lack of diversity in the maternity care workforce by prioritizing racial and ethnic students and students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Summary of H.R. 3849

The Midwives for MOMS Act will increase the numbers of midwives educated in the United States and will support the education of a more culturally diverse maternity care workforce. Prioritization will be given to programs that seek to increase racial and ethnic representation and those who agree to serve in a Health Professional Shortage Area.

In Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act, the bill will authorize \$20 million in grants administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to Schools of Nursing for:

- Direct support of student nurse-midwives (SNMs);
- Establishment or expansion of an accredited nurse-midwifery school or program with in a school of nursing; and
- Securing, preparing or providing support for increasing the number of preceptors at clinical training sites to precept students training to become CNMs.

In Title VII of the Public Health Service Act, the bill will authorize \$15 million in grants administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to accredited midwifery education programs *not* located in schools of nursing for:

- Direct support of student midwives (including SNMs who attend programs not within schools of nursing);
- Establishment or expansion of an accredited midwifery school or program; and
- Securing, preparing or providing support for increasing the number of preceptors at clinical training sites to precept students training to become midwives (including SNMs who attend programs *not* within schools of nursing).