



## Community Forum: Maternal Health Disparities of Native American Women in South Dakota

### Hosted By:

The South Dakota Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

The South Dakota Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights is holding a public meeting to hear testimony regarding maternal health disparities in South Dakota with a focus on Native American women. This meeting is open to the public. The Committee is considering maternal health disparities and their impact on Native American women on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, or national origin.

### Written Testimony:

If you are not able to participate in an online panel, the Committee will also accept written testimony.

Written testimony may be emailed to Mallory Trachtenberg at [mtrachtenberg@usccr.gov](mailto:mtrachtenberg@usccr.gov) by January 15, 2021.

**Join us on Wednesday, December 16, 2020**

**3:00 pm - 4:30 pm CT**

To access the meeting, dial 1-800-367-2403, Conference ID: 9800799

Video access: <https://bit.ly/3nIV2a9>, Password: USCCR. Please use an alias while registering for the video conference if you wish to remain anonymous. Note: You do not need to access the video in order to call in to listen to the meeting.

If you wish to share testimony on your experiences with Native American maternal health, please join the meeting early and keep statements to around 3-5 minutes. Questions to consider responding to include:

*\*What issues have you, a family member, or friend experienced in accessing healthcare as a Native American woman in South Dakota?*

*\*What recommendations would you like the South Dakota Advisory Committee to consider in its report highlighting potential civil rights concerns for Native American pregnant women and mothers?*

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The meeting will be recorded and remarks will be transcribed. Meeting materials are available at: <https://bit.ly/3I3ILLC>. The Committee heard testimony on this topic via web conference in July, September, and November 2020. Please contact Mallory Trachtenberg ([mtrachtenberg@usccr.gov](mailto:mtrachtenberg@usccr.gov)) with questions.

The Committee will issue its findings and recommendations in a report based on testimony that is received by January 15, 2021.

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