



**Virtual Public Briefing**  
***Racial Disparities in Maternal Health***  
**November 13, 2020 | Washington, DC**

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a virtual briefing on November 13, 2020, on maternal health disparities in the United States. The Commission's investigation seeks to examine the federal role in addressing racial disparities in maternal health outcomes, including negative pregnancy-related health outcomes and pregnancy-related deaths of women in the United States. The Commission will analyze current data regarding pregnancy-related and pregnancy-associated deaths, including data collected by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities, and the Department of Health and Human Services' State Partnership Initiative to Address Health Disparities.

Commissioners will hear from subject matter experts such as government officials, academics, healthcare providers, advocates, and impacted persons. The Commission will accept written materials from the public for consideration as we prepare our report; submit to [maternalhealth@usccr.gov](mailto:maternalhealth@usccr.gov) no later than December 14, 2020. From this investigation, the Commission plans to issue a report to address this critical civil rights issue.

**DATE:**

Friday, November 13, 2020

**LOCATION:**

The briefing will be [live-streamed](#).

**AGENDA:**

Briefing (expert panels): 10:00 am – 1:30 pm ET\*

Open Comment Session (public testimony): Written comments submitted to [maternalhealth@usccr.gov](mailto:maternalhealth@usccr.gov) by December 14.

\*Schedule subject to change

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