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**South Dakota Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights
Announces Public Forum on Maternal Health Disparities of Native American Women
in South Dakota**

The South Dakota Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will host an open forum - via web conference - to gather public testimony on the potential civil rights implications of maternal health disparities that Native American women may experience in South Dakota.

Event: South Dakota Advisory Committee Public Forum:
Maternal Health Disparities of Native American Women in South Dakota

When: **Wednesday, December 16, 2020** from 3:00-4:30 pm CT

Where: **Audio:** 1-800-367-2403; ID: 9800799
Register: <https://bit.ly/3nIV2a9> (optional)
Password: USCCR

Agenda: Welcoming Remarks and Introductions (3:00-3:15 pm)
Public Forum (3:15-4:15 pm)
Wrap up and Adjournment (4:15-4:30 pm)

This meeting is free and open to the public. Registration is necessary, however, if you wish to remain anonymous, you may enter your name as 'anonymous' and use a made-up email address. Please consider sharing your experiences:

**What issues have you, a family member, or a 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 civil rights concerns for Native American pregnant women and mothers?*

All remarks are recorded and transcribed. The Committee also invites written testimony submitted to mtrachtenberg@usccr.gov by January 15, 2021.

Meeting materials are available at: <https://bit.ly/3l3ILLC>. The Committee heard testimony on this topic via web conference in July, September, and November 2020. Please contact Mallory Trachtenberg (information above) 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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