



MEDIA ALERT

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**U. S. Commission on Civil Rights Releases Report:
Racial Disparities in Maternal Health**

On Wednesday, September 15, 2021, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will release its report, *Racial Disparities in Maternal Health*. The report examines the federal role in addressing racial disparities in maternal health, including negative pregnancy-related health outcomes and pregnancy-related deaths of women in the United States. Current data show most maternal deaths are preventable, increasing the urgency for reliable, consistent statistical data. As attention of these disparities increases, so does the focus on the stark disparities such as, Black women in the U.S. are three to four times more likely to die from pregnancy-related complications than white women in the U.S., and Native American women are more than two times more likely to die from pregnancy-related complications than white women in the U.S. These disparities have become more severe over the last thirty years.

As part of this report release Commission Chair, Norma V. Cantú and Commissioner, Debo Adebile will hold a press call on the release of the report.

WHAT: Presentation with Q&A on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Report, *Racial Disparities in Maternal Health*

WHEN: 11-11:30 am ET, Wednesday, September 15, 2021

WHO: Norma V. Cantú, USCCR Commission Chair
Debo Adebile, USCCR Commissioner

WHERE: By Conference Call: 800-367-2403; Confirmation Code#: 9878630

We also invite you to [view](#) the virtual briefing, which informed this report.

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