

## **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

### **REQUEST FOR INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL**

DATE: 6/27/2025

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S):

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TOPIC OF THE PROPOSAL:

Maternal Health, Including Postpartum Healthcare Insurance Coverage

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS ON THE SCOPE OF THE STUDY PROPOSAL:

This study will examine maternal health outcomes in Oklahoma, with a specific focus on postpartum healthcare coverage, nutrition, and systemic disparities in access to care. Oklahoma continues to rank among the highest in maternal mortality and morbidity, particularly for Black, Native, and low-income women.

**The scope of the study will include:**

- a) A review of the current state and national maternal healthcare policies, including gaps in coverage and care delivery.
- b) Evaluation of proposals to expand postpartum coverage under SoonerCare from 60 days to 12 months post-birth.
- c) Examination of public and private insurance systems, including State Insurance Programs and private carriers such as Blue Cross Blue Shield and Aetna.
- d) Recommendations for improving maternal health outcomes through expanded access to medical care, mental health services, and supportive resources during the postpartum period.
- e) Incorporation of the impact of food insecurity on maternal and child health, including prenatal nutrition, access to fresh produce, and state efforts like WIC and school lunch programs in underserved ZIP codes.
- f) Consideration of how nutrition and healthcare intersect, and the role of state agencies and healthcare providers in addressing maternal wellness holistically

IF PRIVATE CITIZENS OR ORGANIZATIONS ARE TO BE NOTIFIED OF MEETING, LIST NAMES, ADDRESSES, AND E-MAIL ADDRESSES:

Oklahoma Hospital Association

Oklahoma State Department of Health

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