GEORGIA: MATERNAL MORTALITY

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

The Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC) reviews maternal deaths that occur during pregnancy or within a year of the end of a pregnancy to determine cause, contributing factors, and to recommend interventions to prevent maternal deaths in Georgia.

THE NUMBERS
(2012-2015)

67
MATERNAL DEATHS
PER 100,000 LIVE BIRTHS

28
PREGNANCY-RELATED DEATHS
PER 100,000 LIVE BIRTHS

2/3
WERE PREVENTABLE PREGNANCY-RELATED

2.7
BLACK WOMEN NON-HISPANIC MORE LIKELY TO DIE FROM PREGNANCY-RELATED CAUSES THAN WHITE WOMEN NON-HISPANIC

PREGNANCY-ASSOCIATED, BUT NOT RELATED:
The death of a woman while pregnant or within one year of the end of pregnancy due to a cause unrelated to pregnancy.

PREGNANCY-RELATED:
The death of a woman while pregnant or within one year of the end of pregnancy from any cause related to or aggravated by pregnancy or its management.

THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATHS (PREGNANCY-RELATED):
- Cardiomyopathy
- Cardiovascular / Coronary
- Hemorrhage
- Embolism
- Preeclampsia + Eclampsia

MATERNAL DEATHS BY RELATEDNESS + TIMING OF DEATH IN RELATION TO PREGNANCY IN GEORGIA

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MATERNAL DEATHS OCCURRING AFTER DELIVERY (WITH A KNOWN PRIMARY PAYOR), BY PAYOR

- 66 PERCENT MEDICAID
- 34 PERCENT NON-MEDICAID

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Medicaid should extend coverage up to one year postpartum.
- Make autopsy investigations mandatory for every maternal death.
- All birthing hospitals should implement patient safety bundles.
- Insurers should provide case management for pregnant and postpartum women.

For more information: www.dph.ga.gov/maternal-mortality