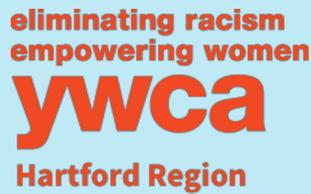


Differences in Maternal Care of Women under Medicaid vs. Private Insurance in Connecticut: Phase 1



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BACKGROUND

- The United States has the highest rate of maternal mortality compared to other developed countries, with 700 women dying from pregnancy-related complications yearly
- According to Centers for Disease Control, approximately 60 percent of those deaths could have been prevented if mothers had access to better medical care
- Health insurance status affects the care received by women and their newborns
- My community partner is YWCA whom I will be working to research possible discrepancies in maternal care of women of differing insurance types

CT PLAN TO ADDRESS MATERNAL MORTALITY

- In 1965, Medicaid provided coverage for pregnant women 47% of poverty level
- In 2010, Affordable Care Act created opportunity for expansion to cover pregnant women 133% of poverty level
- Still, women with Medicaid coverage are more likely to have preterm births and low birth-weight infants compared to privately insured women

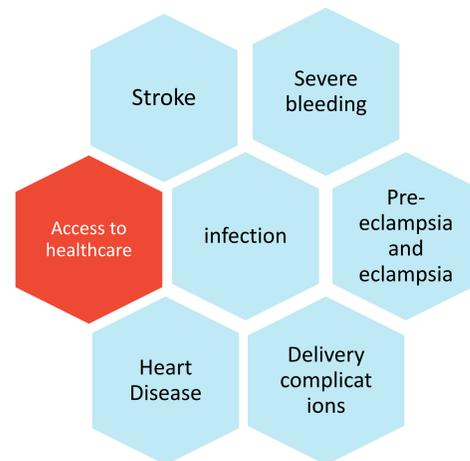
RESEARCH QUESTION

Are there gaps that exist in maternal care for women under Medicaid versus under private insurance in Connecticut?

PHASE 1 METHODOLOGY

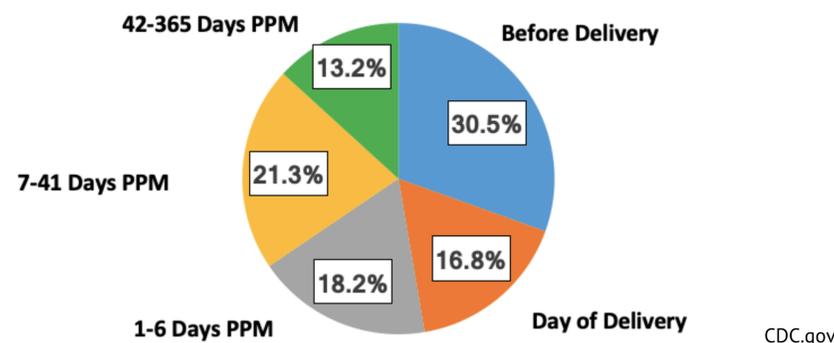
	Researched causes of maternal mortality and prevalence in U.S compared to Connecticut
	Interviewed Family Healthy Initiative YWCA partner (organization working closely with YWCA on events and initiatives)
	Drafted a pre-group questionnaire and focus group manual

OVERVIEW OF PREGNANCY-RELATED DEATHS

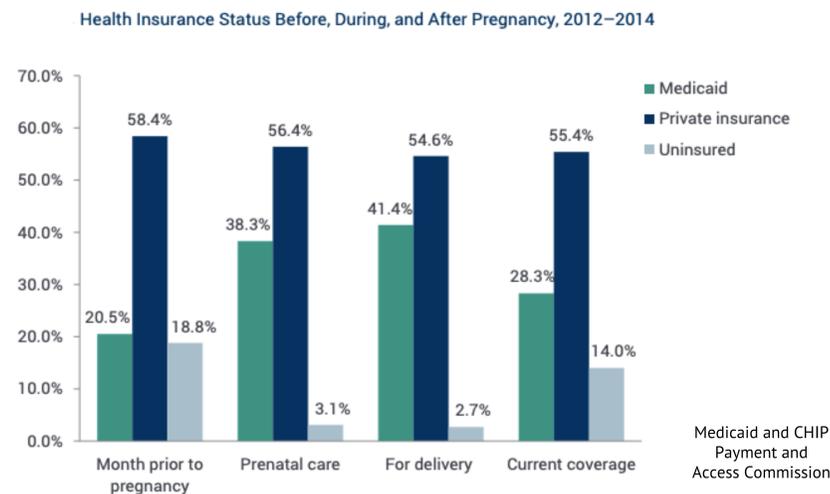


- Black women are 3x more likely to die of pregnancy-related cause than white women
- Individuals ages 35-44 are at higher risk of pregnancy-related deaths

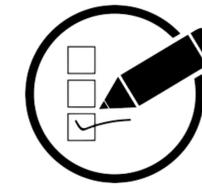
TIMING OF MATERNAL DEATHS



HEALTH INSURANCE STATUS IN CT



PHASE 2 METHODOLOGY



Pre-group questionnaire



Focus Group

Identify participants:

- Through working with contacts at YWCA
- Members of Doula Coalition
- Women under Medicaid versus Private insurance coverage

Administer questionnaire investigating four areas:

1. health services before pregnancy
2. during pregnancy
3. during delivery
4. after delivery

Sample Question: *Did you experience any complications during delivery?*

Conduct focus group of 15-20 participants

Discussion questions

1. Did you get prenatal care as early as you wanted?
2. After giving birth, did you have access to postpartum visits?
3. Has your doctor ever suggested a doula or midwife?

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