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FCC LAUNCHES NEW MATERNAL HEALTH MAPPING PLATFORM

Enhanced Mapping Platform Looks at Health Disparities and the Impact of Broadband Access in America

WASHINGTON, December 13, 2024—The Federal Communications Commission today announced the launch of a major update to the Mapping Broadband Health in America platform, expanding its capacity to analyze the intersection of broadband connectivity and a range of critical health outcomes, including new variables to better examine maternal health. This powerful tool allows users to visualize and survey data on maternal health, chronic disease, opioid abuse, cancer, and social determinants of health, providing researchers, policymakers, and the public with deeper insights into the challenges facing millions of Americans, particularly in areas with limited broadband connectivity.

Initially focused on the intersection of connectivity and chronic diseases, the Mapping Broadband Health in America platform has evolved over time to address critical public health challenges. At the request of Congress, the platform was expanded first to include data on opioid abuse and misuse and again in 2023 to include data on maternal mortality and morbidity. Now, this latest update provides a crucial lens into the complex factors affecting maternal health and other health outcomes, empowering communities and policymakers to take action to improve the health and well-being of reproductive age and pregnant women across the country.

This update significantly expands the platform's capabilities with new data and features, providing deeper insights into these critical health challenges. Read more in detail about the expanded features in our dedicated [Public Notice](#) and [Fact Sheet](#).

To explore the updated platform, visit <https://www.fcc.gov/reports-research/maps/connect2health/>

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