

**DIVISION H: DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND  
EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2021**

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**Maternal Mental Health Hotline**

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The agreement includes \$3,000,000 for this activity, as described in [House Report 116-450](#).

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The U.S. suffers from one of the highest maternal death rates in the developed world. Suicide and overdose have been identified as the leading causes of death during the first year postpartum and depression is the most common complication of pregnancy in the first year postpartum. To help address these issues, the Committee includes \$3,000,000 to contract with a qualified entity to establish and maintain a maternal mental health hotline to be staffed by qualified counselors, 24 hours a day. Funding may also be used for outreach to raise awareness about maternal mental health issues and the hotline.