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## **PROVIDER NEWS FOR HEALTH PLAN OF NEVADA MEDICAID/NEVADA CHECK-UP PROVIDERS!**

### **ADDRESSING MATERNAL MORTALITY**

As many of you know, more American women are dying of pregnancy-related complications than in any other developed country and African American, Native American and Alaska Native women are about three times more likely to die from causes related to pregnancy compared to white women in the U.S.

Both societal and health system factors contribute to unacceptably poor maternal health outcomes, so understanding these factors is critical in reducing severe maternal morbidity and mortality disparities.

To this end, an accredited educational activity on the topic has been developed in partnership with OptumHealth Education featuring presenters from the CDC, Morehouse School of Medicine, and the March of Dimes. This activity provides the facts on maternal mortality, discusses the impact of implicit bias on these statistics and how these biases can be addressed, and reviews how health care providers can address the racial disparities in maternal health outcomes that exist.

While this activity is designed for and accredited to meet the educational needs of case managers, nurses, nurse practitioners, pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, PAs, physicians, psychologists and social workers, it may also be of interest to non-clinical staff as well. Upon completion, all participants can receive a certificate of attendance for up to 1.5 credits.

Our new education can be accessed at [www.optumhealtheducation.com/maternal-mortality](http://www.optumhealtheducation.com/maternal-mortality).