

HB 470 -- PERINATAL CARE

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This bill requires health care professionals that provide maternity health care services to, through the use of a validated and evidence-based verbal screening tool, screen for mental disorders and mental illnesses in all pregnant women as early as possible at the onset of prenatal care and throughout the pregnancy. The Department of Health and Senior Services must establish guidelines for this purpose and make them available on its website.

Any pregnant woman found to have a mental disorder or mental illness will be provided or referred for treatment. The Department must establish a perinatal navigator program for the purpose of engaging pregnant women in early prenatal care and providing referral for wraparound services and home visiting programs in the local community.

This bill is similar to HB 1915 (2024).