



# Chatham County, NC

## Legislation Text

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Vote on a request to accept \$7,500 Maternal Health Innovation Funds - Telehealth.

Action Requested: Vote on a request to accept \$7,500 Maternal Health Innovation Funds - Telehealth.

**Introduction & Background:** A key challenge to providing healthcare across North Carolina, especially in rural counties and areas with poor access to transportation, is the difficulty in accessing care. This difficulty contributes to maternal health inequities. Pregnant women who reside in these communities and are in need of specialty care can experience challenges in arranging for transportation, may need to travel longer distances, and may need to take a significant amount of time off work to attend healthcare appointments. One strategy to improve access to medical care in situations like these is telehealth. This funding opportunity is offered to help implement telemedicine.

**Discussion & Analysis:** This Agreement Addendum provides one-time funds to the Local Health Department to strengthen existing efforts and program activities supporting women of reproductive age, including pregnant and postpartum women who are enrolled in maternal health services, by providing staff training and/or purchasing programmatic equipment associated with telehealth services.

How does this relate to the Comprehensive Plan: n/a

Budgetary Impact: No Funding Requested.

Recommendation: Vote on a request to accept \$7,500 Maternal Health Innovation Funds - Telehealth