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The state of rural health care throughout the country directly impacts maternal prenatal and postnatal health to an extreme degree. For pregnant people, regularly accessible care and check ups to monitor maternal and fetal health are essential and accessibility is a vital part of continuing care. Access to Maternal Care and Birthing Facilities is of the utmost importance to the reproductive rights of Mainers as well as infants and it should be a priority of the state to study how best to support infrastructure for healthcare providers and recipients. Understanding the current availability of access to maternal health care services in Maine and methods to increase patient access to maternal health care services, including equitable access for vulnerable populations, could support an increase in the quality and frequency of care, as well as better support the providers who are responsible for maternal health and birthing throughout the state.