

MEMORANDUM

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To: Reporters and Editors
From: The Communications Office of Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-Mont.)
Re: Baucus Applauds HHS Launch of Initiative to Reduce Preterm Births

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-Mont.) today applauded the launch of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [Strong Start Initiative](#) to reduce the increasing number of premature births and ensure more babies are born healthy. A component of the Strong Start Initiative will work to reduce the premature births among at-risk Medicaid beneficiaries through testing enhanced prenatal care. From Chairman Baucus:

“We have a responsibility to ensure all women, including Medicaid beneficiaries, have access to high-quality care during pregnancy. This initiative will find innovative ways to help expecting mothers deliver healthy babies and avoid the dangers and costs of preterm births.”

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