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General Comment

I support the policy for expressions of interest in improving maternal health by reducing low risk cesarean delivery for a few reasons. First reason being that maternal health determines a child's health. According to the CDC, maternal and child health is "vital to creating a healthy world" (CDC Global Health Maternal and Child Health, 2014). When maternal and child health is affected generational health disparities are created. A second reason being that cesarean deliveries take a toll on the mothers healing process. It is vital for a mother to feel like she can return to her daily activities or get into a routine to take care of their new infant. The third reason I would support efforts in reducing cesarean deliveries would be that it takes a toll on the mother's mental health. Compared to vaginal deliveries, women who have cesarean deliveries are 6 times more likely to develop postnatal depression 3 months after delivery (Boyce, P. M., & Todd, A. L., 1992). Cesarean deliveries pose a short-term and long-term health risks to mothers and their children, and all efforts should be taken to reduce low risk cesarean deliveries.

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