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The United States Department of Health and Human service came up with the “Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health” initiative in 2010 with the goal of reducing the health disparities in the country especially among the minority groups and those that are ethnically diversified, however the current situation shows that improvement in the maternal infant mortalities is still a very huge problem for these groups. This shows that there is some form of structural racism when it come to the provision of healthcare services among the blacks and Latinos in the state. For African Americans, several factors affect the determinants of health, most of which are social and include education, income level and social economic status. Most of these factors have not been addressed as it is for the white Americans with it comes to maternal infant mortality. In any case, the social determinants of health is going to affect the quality of good health and life of the people living under a given environment this includes those that work, earn or play in the same environment (Taylor, Novoa, Hamm, & Phadke, 2019).

As part of the above initiative, fighting structural racism is one of the major challenges in public health and affects the health of African American mothers and their infants. This puts public health into a crisis due to compromises brought about by structural racism. It is thus important that policy makers that work on the disparities of maternal and infant health should make a connection between the health of the pregnant woman and that of the mother (Taylor, Novoa, Hamm, & Phadke, 2019). This means that work environment also need to provide support for black women, like being provided time away from work for parental and medical or family reasons. Also pregnant women working in minimum wage jobs should be allowed to take leave to care for their new-borns with full month salary. There should also be access to free

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medical consultation and treatment apart for both mothers from low income areas as it is with the rest of American mothers.

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