

CORONAVIRUS AND

Access Barriers for Pregnant Patients Seeking Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)



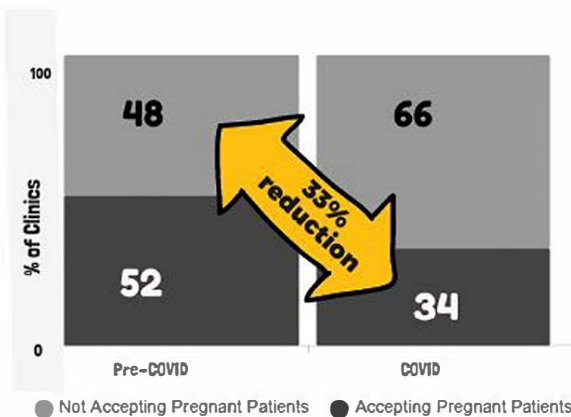
More pregnant women have been turned away from OUD treatment since the start of COVID-19.



Only half of NC clinics responding to a survey offered OUD treatment to pregnant women.



Prior to COVID-19, many pregnant women found challenges in accessing OUD treatment.



During the COVID pandemic, the number of clinics treating women declined by a THIRD.

We must prioritize the health and well-being of women during their pregnancy.

Policymakers must ensure ACCESS to OUD treatment for pregnant women.

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