Infant feeding plays a key role in infant health and survival. A growing body of literature also indicates that mothers who don’t breastfeed face increased risks of breast cancer, hypertension, diabetes and heart attacks in later life. Yet, only 22% of US infants are currently fed as recommended, and there are significant racial/ethnic disparities in US infant feeding practices. Social policies designed to support optimal infant feeding practices have the potential to save thousands of lives and millions of healthcare dollars. California SB 402, which requires that all perinatal units adopt evidence-based “Baby-Friendly” policies and practices, reflects a landmark commitment to supporting lactation. However, improvements in public health depend on effective implementation of this law and other related social policies.

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