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AN HONEST CONVERSATION ABOUT THE CRISIS  
THAT IS BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH CARE**

Following up on the success of the panel discussion, "Why are Black Women Rightfully Suspicious of the Healthcare Industry?," this panel of experts and healthcare activists will analyze how media, class, access, and insurance foster a culture of misunderstanding that contribute to health disparities, racialized motherhood, and the criminalization of self-advocacy of Black women.

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