

The Role of Safety Net Plans in Tackling Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care

July 8, 2020 / Time: 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm ET

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Purpose and Objectives:

- Promote a learning opportunity regarding the varied issues that contribute to racial and ethnic disparities in health and opportunities for safety net plans to help address these issues.
- Provide an opportunity to learn about how a health plan leader has and/or plans to tackle this issue at his/her plan, with members, providers and other community stakeholders.
- Discuss and share issues, concerns, best practices, etc. with Academy participants from other plans.
- Provide an opportunity for participants to network during the webinar through focused discussions.
- Provide an opportunity for selected participants to present what they have learned from their plan about its successes and challenges related to health disparities, focusing on their operational area or a specific project or experience.

Webinar Agenda

Time	Topic	Presenter	Comments
3:15 – 3:30pm	<i>Participants sign on to webinar</i>	<i>ACAP webinar administrator</i>	<i>15 minutes prior to official start of webinar, ensure everyone is signed into the webinar</i>
3:30 – 3:40pm (10 minutes)	Welcome and introductions Review of agenda for today's webinar Roll call Review of evaluations (focus on September Leadership Workshop topics)	Enrique Martinez-Vidal, ACAP Advisors: Gretchen Brown, Kathy Kuhmerker, Tina Nye Asfiya Mariam, ACAP	

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3:40 – 4:00pm	Inequities Amplified by COVID-19: Practical Ideas for what States and Plans (and Others) can do to Address Health Inequities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What factors contribute to health inequities? • Why do these factors disproportionately impact the Medicaid population? • What is the important role that MCOs can play in addressing these inequities within the plan and within the communities they serve? • What are important roles that other community stakeholders can play? 	<i>Introduction:</i> <i>Enrique Martinez-Vidal, ACAP</i> <i>Presenter:</i> <i>Tricia McGinnis</i> <i>Executive Vice President and</i> <i>Chief Program Officer</i> <i>Center for Health Care Strategies</i>	
4:00 – 4:20pm	CEO Presentation: Imperative of Public Plans to Address Health Inequities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What can the plan do to address racial and ethnic health inequities among the Medicaid population? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Engaging internal staff ○ Engaging members ○ Working with community partners • How do you talk about race and ethnic disparities? • How do you provide leadership in these areas to address health inequities? 	<i>Introduction:</i> <i>Enrique Martinez-Vidal, ACAP</i> <i>Presenter</i> <i>Eric Hunter</i> <i>President & CEO</i> <i>CareOregon</i>	
4:20 – 4:55pm (there will be 20 minutes)	Breakout Sessions and Read-Out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are some of the root causes of racial and ethnic health disparities and what can health plans realistically do to address them—within the plan and within the community? 	<i>Breakout Group Facilitators:</i> <i>Group 1: Gretchen Brown</i> <i>Group 2: Kathy Kuhmerker</i> <i>Group 3: Tina Nye</i>	<i>All participants are encouraged to comment on challenges and</i>

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for the discussion during the breakout periods and 15 mins total for the reports from each group with 5 minutes for each group's report)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There are many root causes of disparities such as poverty/income inequality and structural racism, which impact SDOH needs and disparities in chronic disease, employment opportunities and job availability (e.g., front-line), accessibility of and type of available transportation (e.g., public transportation), cultural biases in providers, etc. ● What are the barriers and challenges MCOs face when addressing racial and ethnic health inequities? ● What programs, policies and interventions can MCOs develop/implement to address health inequities? ● How do you monitor the impact of these new policies, programs and interventions? What is the role of data collection and analysis? How do you use these data? 	<p><i>Notetakers:</i></p> <p><i>Group 1: Mallory Hee</i></p> <p><i>Group 2: Deborah Reif</i></p> <p><i>Group 3: Victoria Hurtado</i></p>	<p><i>experiences within their health plan.</i></p> <p><i>There will be three groups, each with 7 participants.</i></p>
5:00 pm	<p>Discussion and wrap up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Next session (Leadership Workshop: September 9, 3:00-5:00 pm ET; please note the earlier start time) ● Evaluation ● Adjourn 	Enrique Martinez-Vidal, ACAP	