



## ABOUT THE CMS OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Office of Minority Health (OMH) is one of eight offices of minority health within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). CMS OMH works with local and federal partners to eliminate health disparities while improving the health of all minority populations, including racial and ethnic minorities, people with disabilities, sexual and gender minorities, and rural populations.

## OUR MISSION

To ensure that the voices and the needs of the populations we represent are present as the Agency is developing, implementing, and evaluating its programs and policies.

## OUR VISION

All CMS beneficiaries have achieved their highest level of health, and disparities in health care quality and access have been eliminated.

## OUR WORK

The [CMS Equity Plan for Improving Quality in Medicare](#) outlines CMS's path to advance health equity by improving the quality of care provided to minority and other underserved Medicare beneficiaries. The plan's framework consists of three domains: increasing understanding and awareness of disparities, creating and sharing solutions, and accelerating implementation of effective actions.

[From Coverage to Care \(C2C\)](#) is an initiative to help people understand their health coverage and connect to the primary care and the preventive services that are right for them, so they can live a long and healthy life.

Through its [Advancing Health Equity Research and Development \(R&D\) Programs](#) initiative, CMS OMH supports funding opportunities

that allow researchers to increase the understanding of health disparities, including grant opportunities and data access programs that assist researchers in conducting health equity studies focused on minority populations.

[Health Equity Technical Assistance](#) is available to the healthcare organizations ready to systematically take action on health disparities. Contact us at [HealthEquityTA@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:HealthEquityTA@cms.hhs.gov) for personalized coaching and resources on developing a health equity strategic plan, data collection and analysis, developing a language access plan, increasing physical accessibility to healthcare facilities, and more.

The CMS Office of Minority Health leadership are public servants committed to the health and well-being of everyone. Individually and combined, they have a wealth of experience in advancing health equity and improving the health of vulnerable populations.

*"Working to Achieve Health Equity"*

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