

# Advancing Health Equity in Medicaid: Mississippi Bridges the Gap Using Trusted Community Partners

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## Purpose

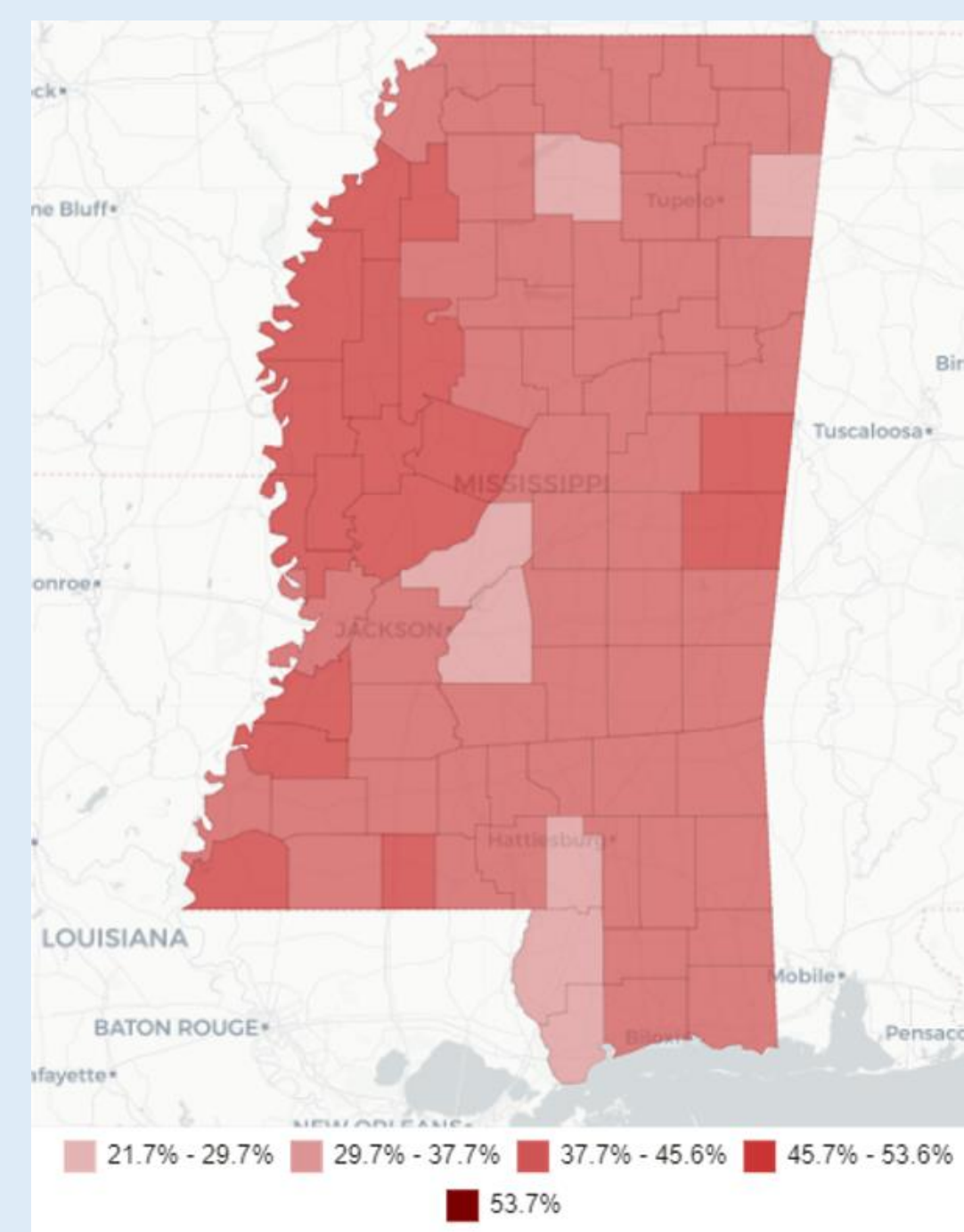
Use the *Roadmap to Advance Health Equity* to design care and payment models focused on equity and anti-racism, to address and eliminate significant health inequities impacting Mississippi's Medicaid members.

## Strategies

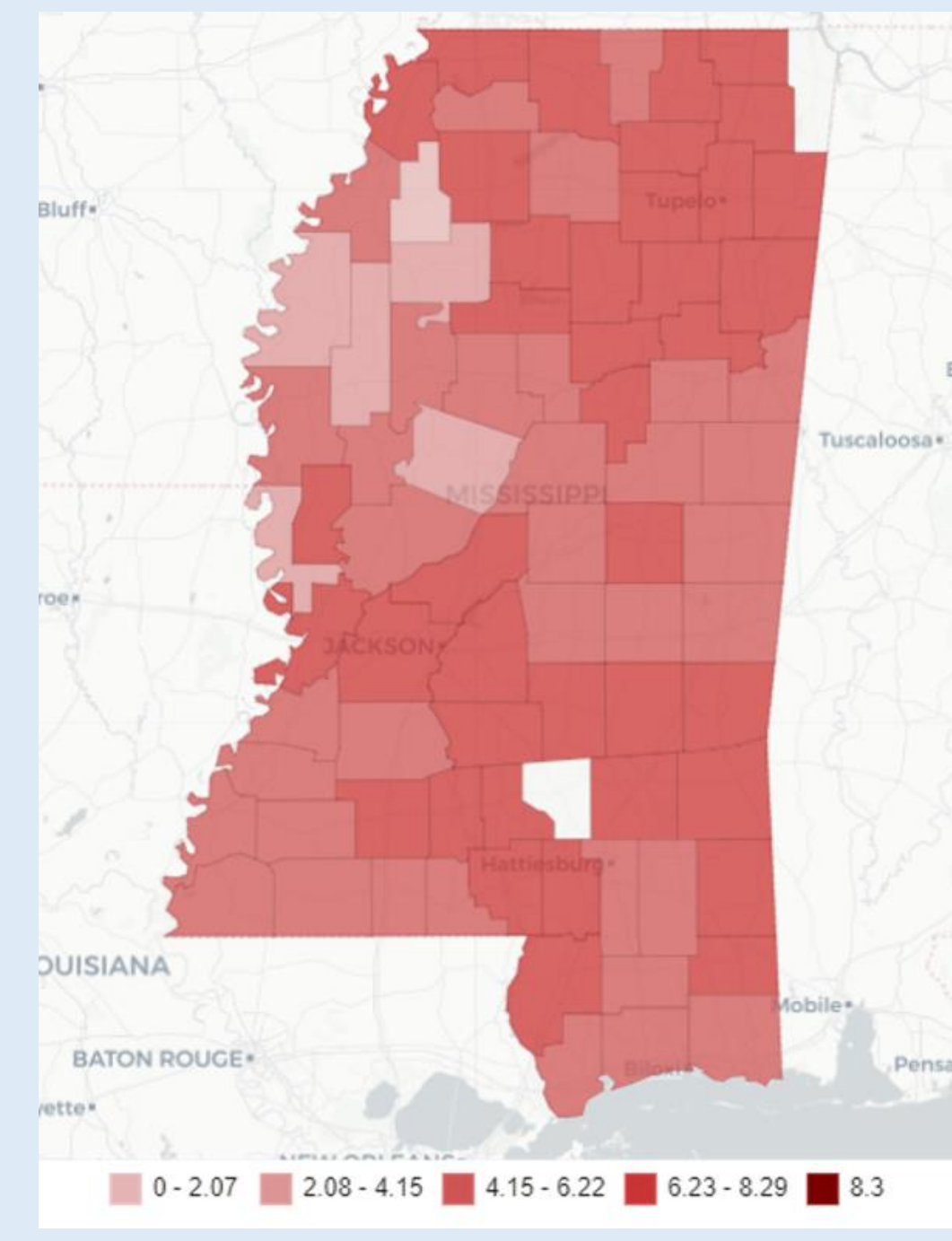
To design and implement this initiative, the team will:

- Collaborate with a variety of stakeholders to benefit from unique perspectives
- Partner with Community Health Workers (CHWs), using an evidence-based CHW model, to address social risk factors and improve patient health outcomes.

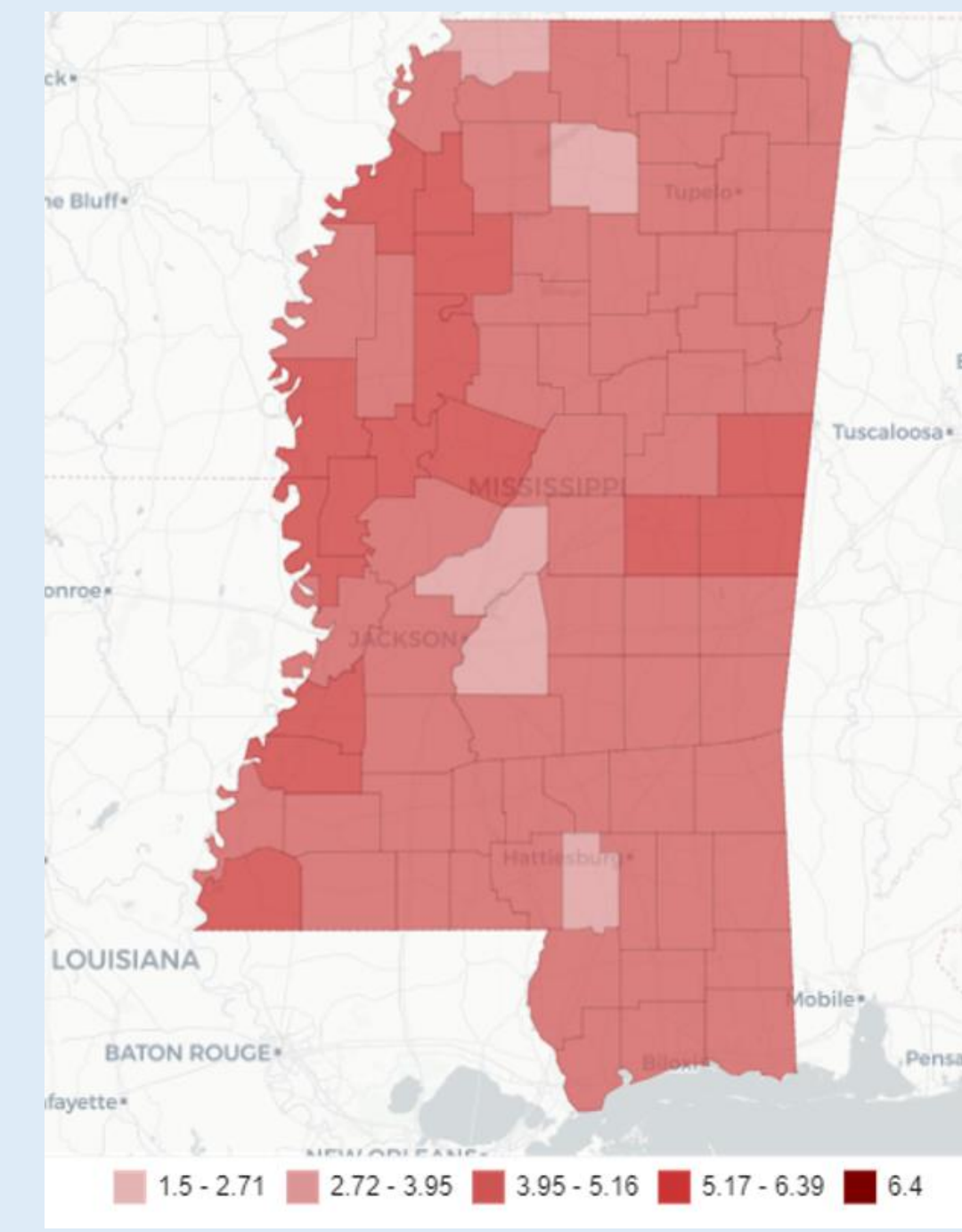
## Mississippi Background and Significance



In 2022, the percentage of the adult population (age 18 and older) that reported a body mass index (BMI) greater than or equal to 30 kg/m2 (age-adjusted) was 41.2%.



In 2022, the index of factors that contributed to a healthy food environment (from 0-worst to 10-best) was 3.8.



In 2022, the reported average number of physically unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted) was 4.11.

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## Health Equity Initiative Goal

Adopt a reimbursement payment model that supports the inclusion of a CHW on the multidisciplinary care team for African American patients with social risk factors, such as food insecurity and housing instability, who are at high risk for chronic conditions.

## References



Scan to access the *Roadmap to Advance Health Equity*

