

# Roundtable on the CMS Innovation Center Health Equity Strategy

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# Agenda

- Welcome
  - CMS Innovation Center Chief Medical Officer Dr. Dora Hughes
  - Deputy Administrator and CMS Innovation Center Director Dr. Liz Fowler
  - CMS Office of Minority Health Director Dr. LaShawn McIver
- Brief Overview of the CMS Innovation Center's Health Equity Strategy
- Roundtable Remarks from Expert Panelists
- Discussion
- Next Steps

WELCOME

# CMS INNOVATION CENTER HEALTH EQUITY STRATEGY

# Vision: What's to Come Over the Next 10 Years



# Advancing Health Equity

- **Develop new models and modify existing models** to address health equity and social determinants of health;
- **Increase the number of beneficiaries from underserved communities** who receive care through value-based payment models by increasing the participation of Medicare and Medicaid providers who serve them;
- **Evaluate models specifically for their impact on health equity** and share data and “lessons learned” to inform future work; and
- **Strengthen data collection and intersectional analyses** for populations defined by demographic factors such as race, ethnicity, language, geography, disability, and sexual orientation/gender identity to identify gaps in care and develop interventions to address them.



# ROUNDTABLE PARTICIPANT REMARKS



# Questions for Roundtable Participants

1. What **approaches or interventions** should the CMS Innovation Center prioritize when building models to eliminate health inequities?
2. CMS is currently exploring options for expanding collection of self-reported demographic and social needs data. What could the CMS Innovation Center do **to support collection of self-reported data**? What are **successful approaches** for such collection?
3. What are the most significant obstacles for safety net providers who want to participate in a CMS Innovation Center or another value-based, accountable care model, and how do you recommend the CMS Innovation Center help **these providers overcome these obstacles**?

# Speaker #1

**Kara Odom Walker, MD, MPH, MSHS**  
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## Speaker #2

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## Speaker #3

### **Thomas Sequist, MD, MPH**

Chief Patient Experience and Equity Officer  
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Professor of Medicine and Health Care Policy  
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## Speaker #4

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## Speaker #5

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## Speaker #7

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## Speaker #8

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## Speaker #9

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# DISCUSSION

# CLOSING REMARKS

# Staying in Touch on the Strategy

## Thank You for Attending

- Thank you for attending this roundtable. We appreciate your feedback!
- Additional input? Email your comments and feedback to [CMMIStrategy@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:CMMIStrategy@cms.hhs.gov)

## Resources to Engage with CMS Innovation Center Strategy

- Please visit the [CMS Innovation Strategic Direction](#) webpage, including reviewing the newest [“At-a-Glance”](#) resource summary.
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