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The Intersection of Effective Chronic Disease Management & Health Equity Conference

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Overview

- I. Define health equity and social determinants of health
- II. HHS mission/ Health Equity Action Plan
- III. Highlight equity initiatives across HHS
- IV. Resources



Health Equity and Social Determinants of Health



Health Equity is the absence of disparities or avoidable differences among socioeconomic and demographic groups or geographical areas in health status and health outcomes such as disease, disability, or mortality.

Social Determinants of Health are conditions in the environments in which people are born, live, learn, work, play, worship, and age that affect health, functioning, and quality-of-life outcomes and risks.



HHS Mission

The mission of HHS is to enhance the health and well-being of all Americans, by providing for effective health and human services and by fostering sound, sustained advances in the sciences underlying medicine, public health, and social services.



HHS Equity Action Plan Strategies

1. Civil Rights Protections and Language Access
2. Acquisition
3. Grants
4. Capacity Building
5. Maternal Mortality



National Institutes of Health: UNITE Initiatives

- [UNITE](#) identifies and addresses structural racism within the NIH-supported and the greater scientific community.
- UNITE aims to establish an equitable and civil culture within the biomedical research enterprise and reduce barriers to racial equity in the biomedical research workforce.



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Paving the Road to Health Equity



Successful strategies to Reduce health disparities

- A Hospital's Community [Asthma Initiative](#) [demonstrates interventions](#) that significantly reduce hospitalizations.
- [Evidence-based programs](#) and strategies to improve levels of screening for [colorectal cancer](#)

CDC Student Programs

- [Provide students](#), particularly those from populations that are underrepresented in public health professions, with career-building public health experiences



Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Health Equity Programs

- [Advancing Health Equity in Chronic Disease Prevention and Management](#): CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP) is advancing health equity by [addressing social determinants of health](#) through [science, programs, policies, and interventions](#). These include our [collaboration with partners, efforts to engage communities, communication efforts](#), and focus on workforce improvement.
- [Chronic Care Management and Connected Care](#): Raise awareness of the benefits of CCM for patients with multiple chronic conditions and provide health care professionals with resources to implement CCM.
- [Coverage to Care \(C2C\) Initiative](#): Helps individuals understand their health coverage and connect to the primary care and the preventive services that are right for them to live a long and healthy life.
- [CMS OMH Health Equity Technical Assistance Program](#): Helps health care organizations take action against health disparities by helping them embed health equity into their strategic plans and providing resource on improving care for minority populations



Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Office of Health Equity (OHE)

- [HRSA OHE](#) works to reduce health disparities so that communities and individuals can achieve their highest level of health.
 - Principal advisor regarding health disparities, health equity, and minority and priority population health
 - Provide technical assistance to HRSA bureaus and offices, and external stakeholders on matters impacting health equity
 - Increase the visibility of data and policies that may impact health equity
 - Develop partnerships with other government agencies and external stakeholders to increase the visibility of health disparities and health equity issues
- [HRSA 2019-2020 Health Equity Report: Special Feature on Housing and Health Inequalities](#): shows HRSA's progress in vital health indicators and addresses the agency's efforts to improve health outcomes through access to quality services, a skilled health workforce and innovative, high-value programs.



HRSA Health Center Program: Advancing Health Equity

Health centers provide affordable, high-quality primary health care to **more than 30 MILLION** people in the U.S. each year. That includes:

1 in 9

children & adolescents



1 in 5

rural residents



1 in 3

living in poverty



63%

identify as racial and/or ethnic minorities



Nearly **1.3M** experiencing homelessness

1M+ agricultural workers

Nearly **770K** school-based health center patients

Nearly **390K** Veterans

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Source: Uniform Data System, 2021 - Table 3A, Table 3B, Table 4, Table 6A

*Poverty defined as having income ≤100% Federal Poverty Guidelines



Engaging Healthcare Practitioners and Students



- Recruit students from the communities we serve
 - Train students in rural and underserved communities
 - Expand community-based training
 - Leverage loan and scholarship programs
- Train interprofessional and collaborative teams



HHS Resources to Collaborate and Support

- HHS Equity Action Plan: <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/hhs-equity-action-plan.pdf>
- Federal Grants: <https://grants.gov/>
- ACF Equity in Action <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/equity>
- ACL Ensuring Equity and Inclusion: <https://acl.gov/covid19/ensuring-equity-and-inclusion>
- HRSA Loan Repayment and Scholarship Programs <https://bhw.hrsa.gov/funding#loan>
- CDC Health Equity Resources: <https://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnpao/health-equity/health-equity-resources.html>
- CMS Health Equity Programs <https://www.cms.gov/about-cms/agency-information/omh/health-equity-programs>
- FDA Minority Health and Health Equity: <https://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-information-audience/minority-health-and-health-equity>
- NIH UNITE E Initiatives: <https://www.nih.gov/ending-structural-racism/launching-new-unite-e-initiatives>
- SAMHSA Behavioral Health Equity Resources: <https://www.samhsa.gov/behavioral-health-equity/resources>



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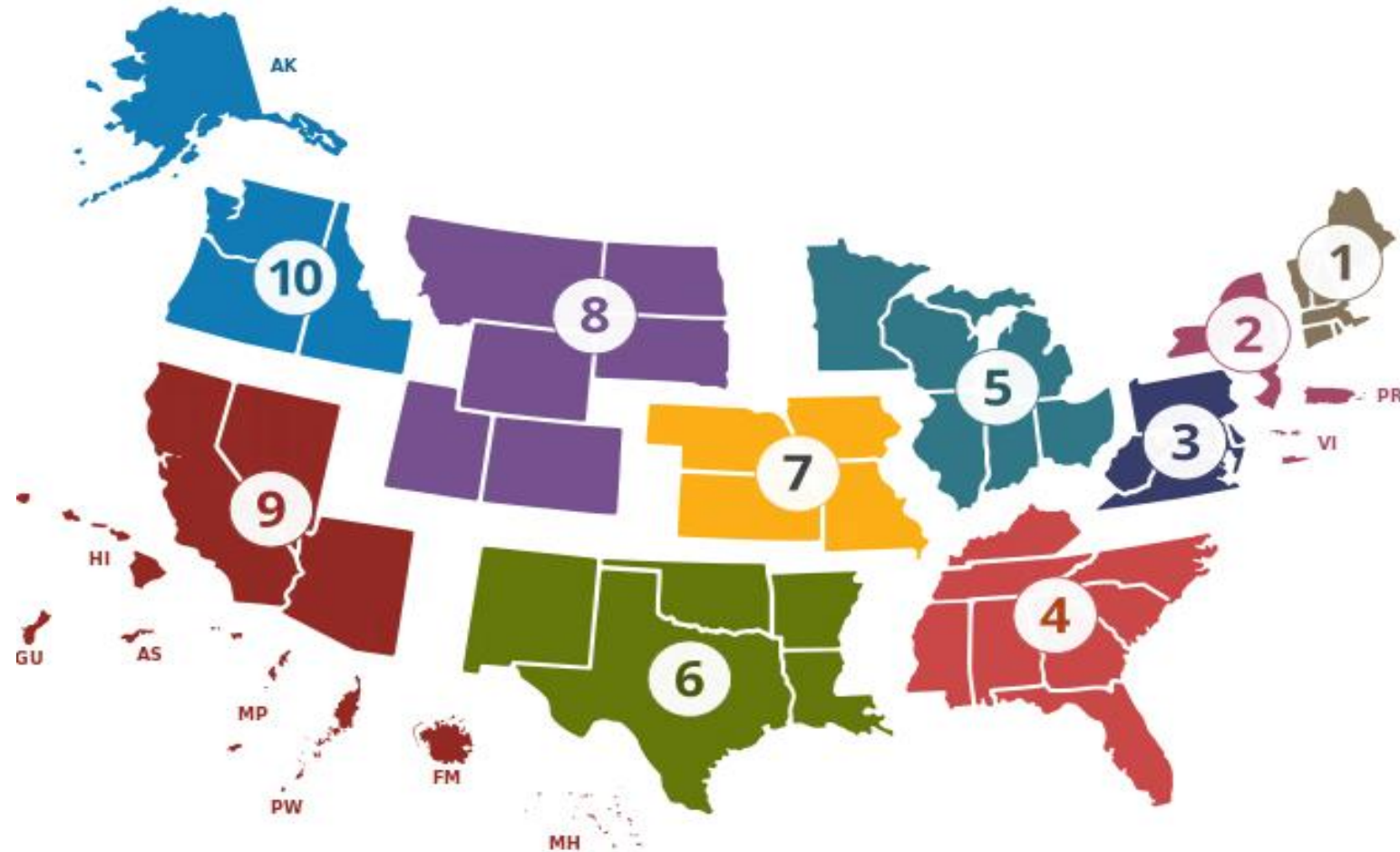
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Secretary Xavier Becerra



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- **(ASPR)** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response
- **(OASH)** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health
- **(OASH) (PACE)** Regional Prevention through Active Community Engagement
- **(OCIO)** Office of the Chief Information Officer
- **(OCR)** Office for Civil Rights
- **(OGC)** Office of the General Counsel
- **(OIG)** Office of the Inspector General

Operating Divisions

- **(ACF)** Administration for Children and Families
- **(ACL)** Administration for Community Living
- **(ATSDR)** Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
- **(CMS)** Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- **(FDA)** Food and Drug Administration
- **(HRSA)** Health Resources and Services Administration
- **(IHS)** Indian Health Service Division of Engineering Services
- **(SAMHSA)** Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Program Support Center

- **(BOS)** Building Operations Services
- **(CAS)** Cost Allocation Services
- **(FOH)** Environment Health and Safety Services

