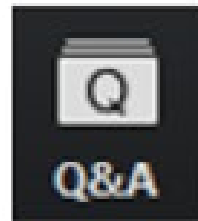




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Logistics for today's COVID-19 Forum

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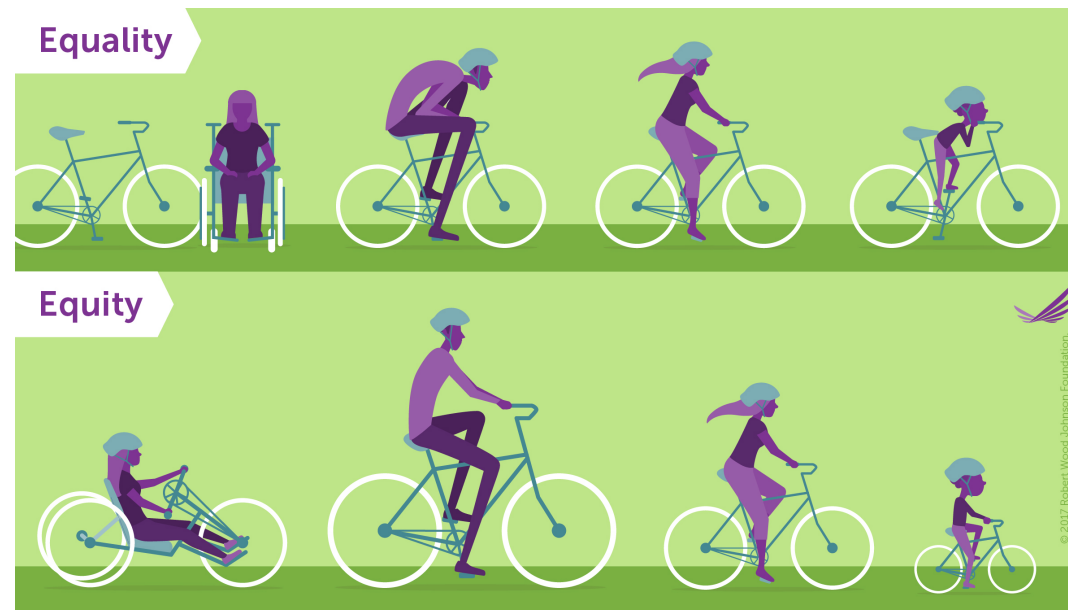


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NC Medicaid's Focus on Health Equity



Source: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation:
<https://www.rwjf.org/en/library/infographics/visualizing-health-equity.html#/download>

Carolina Access Temporary Health Equity Payments

- Available: April – June 2021
- Eligible providers: Carolina Access I and II providers serving beneficiaries from high needs areas.
- Increased PMPM based on practice's mix of beneficiaries (measured by poverty rate at beneficiary's census tract).

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How Payments are Determined

| Poverty Score Determined by Poverty Level of Beneficiary's Census Tract | Enhanced Payment |
|---|------------------|
| <17% | \$0 PMPM |
| 17% - 21% | \$9 PMPM |
| >21% | \$18 PMPM |

+/- 2 percentage points of 19% (Medicaid beneficiary overall Poverty Score)

Example

| Census Tract | Poverty Rate for Tract | Patient Dist. by tract PCP1 | Patient Dist. by tract PCP2 | Patient Dist. by tract PCP3 |
|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| A | 10% | 25% | 0% | 0% |
| B | 15% | 50% | 40% | 0% |
| C | 20% | 25% | 40% | 50% |
| D | 25% | 0% | 20% | 50% |
| Wtd Avg Score | | 15% | 19% | 22.5% |
| Enhanced Payment | | \$0- Under Threshold | \$9 PMPM | \$18 PMPM |

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What are Some Ways to Improve Health Equity?

- ✓ Making permanent enhancements to telehealth access
- ✓ Staff training on implicit bias, trauma informed care and health equality
- ✓ Recruitment of key staff to reduce health inequity such as dietitians, health coaches, and community health workers
- ✓ Quality and clinical data analysis and action plans
- ✓ COVID-19 specific response such as additional vaccine outreach and distribution efforts to historically marginalized populations.
- ✓ Improving practice infrastructure to address non-medical drivers of health
- ✓ Investing in behavioral health supports and enhancing integration of behavioral and physical health.

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Resources:

- CDC Practitioners Guide for Advancing Health Equity:
<https://www.cdc.gov/NCCDPHP/dch/pdf/health-equity-guide/Practitioners-Guide-section1.pdf>
- AAFP Addressing Social Determinants of Health in Primary Care:
https://www.aafp.org/dam/AAFP/documents/patient_care/everyone_project/team-based-approach.pdf
- IHI Achieving Health Equity:
<http://www.ihl.org/resources/Pages/IHIWhitePapers/Achieving-Health-Equity.aspx>
- NCHA Resource Center:
<https://www.ncha.org/equity-disparities-resource-center/#1545154155925-6d0789a1-bfe3>

Questions?

