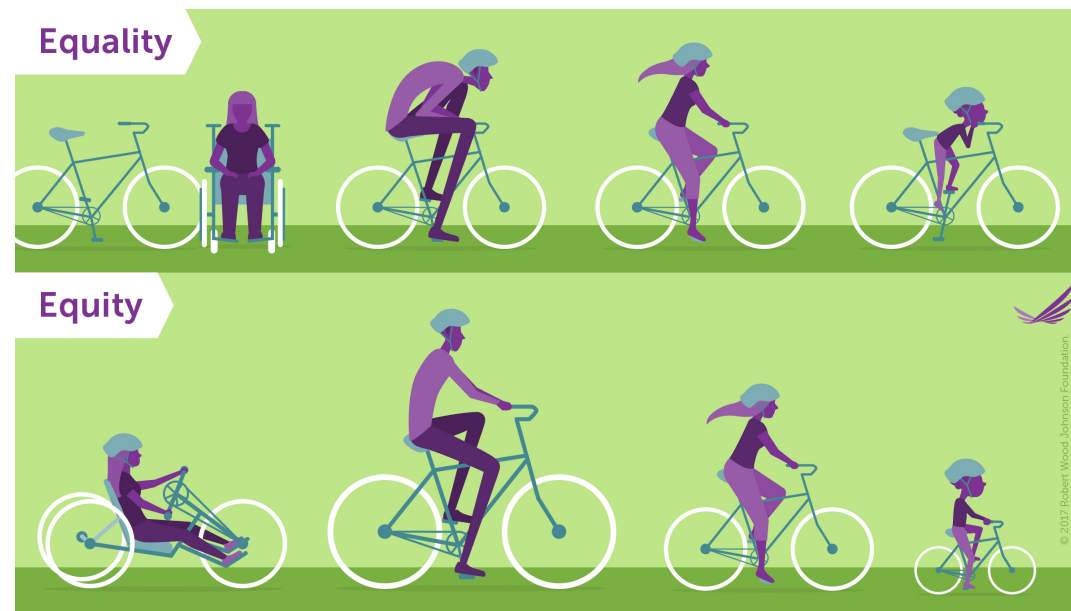




Proposed Carolina Access Temporary Health Equity Payment

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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>