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## WELCOME FROM PLAN PRESIDENT CHRIS COFFEY

As the new plan president of Molina Healthcare of Texas (MHT), I am thrilled to begin working with our team of experts to ensure all Texans have access to whole-person care so our communities can thrive. Molina works tirelessly to provide seamless care, providing direct health care needs and addressing the social determinants of health that so often interfere with an individual's ability to achieve a high quality of life.

Molina continues to proactively respond to new COVID-19 developments ensuring Texans have access to preventative measures to best protect and care for themselves and their families. As part of these efforts, the MolinaCares Accord supports and works with community organizations to provide COVID-19 vaccines where they're most needed. As children return to school, MolinaCares and the MHT community engagement teams are working to ensure the youth in the communities we serve have access to the supplies they need on day one. Together, we will work every day to keep communities across our state healthy and thriving.

Our August newsletter highlights how MolinaCares and MHT work to keep Texans healthy by providing services and community resources. This month's newsletter features our partnerships to provide vaccines and affordable health care, and how MolinaCares is working with local community organizations and nonprofits to address the needs of all Texans.

We look forward to staying in touch.

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# MOLINACARES IN THE COMMUNITY



## RIBBON CUTTING WITH LOAVES & FISHES

The MolinaCares Accord and Molina Healthcare of Texas partnered with Loaves & Fishes on June 24 to celebrate the opening of our new MolinaCares Community Giving Closet. Through this partnership, MolinaCares donated a refrigerator and supplies to allow Loaves & Fishes to provide ongoing hot meals to the community.

“Loaves & Fishes deeply values our ongoing partnership with MolinaCares and Molina Healthcare of Texas. Many families in the Rio Grande Valley are experiencing hardships, and having access to food, a place to stay, and basic necessities to help get them back on their feet makes a tremendous difference to both these individuals and our community.” – Ruben Garza, Director, Loaves & Fishes of the Rio Grande Valley



## SENIOR CARE IN UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS

The MolinaCares Accord, in collaboration with Molina Healthcare of Texas, recently hosted a virtual panel, *Senior Care in Underserved Populations in a Post-Pandemic Texas*. Kelsey Letcher, interim plan president of Molina Healthcare of Texas, kicked off the panel following opening remarks by Dr. Tom Oliverson, state representative and chairman of the Texas House Insurance Committee.

The panel of experts featured moderator Scott Braddock, editor of Harvey Kronberg’s Quorum Report; as well as Dr. Angela M. Goins, lecturer of social work in the Social Work Program under the College of Public Service at the University of Houston-Downtown; Chamane Barrow, executive director of the Coalition for Barrier Free Living; and Lex Frieden, director of the Independent Living Research Utilization Project at TIRR Memorial Hermann Hospital. Panelists discussed how social determinants of health, particularly income, education, race, and location, have led to vast disparities of health care for the aging population. The conversation also covered the biggest hurdles seniors living in underserved areas have to receiving adequate health care, how to better facilitate independent living for seniors and the role of corporations and organizations in helping the aging population overcome those obstacles.

“There is a growing awareness amongst the medical community that social determinants of health go a long way in determining an individual’s health outcomes and potential predisposition to be impacted by significant medical illness,” said Dr. Tom Oliverson. “We should continue to monitor medical research that is currently underway to evaluate whether this could play a significant role in the development of conditions such as diabetes, cancer and heart disease.”

Watch the full panel [here](#).

## MOLINACARES IN THE COMMUNITY

### CVS COVID-19 VACCINATION PARTNERSHIP

The MolinaCares Accord partnered with CVS to provide COVID-19 vaccines to residents of Pharr, Dallas, and Cypress, Texas. These events are part of a series of vaccination events with CVS to reach high-risk populations in every corner of the state.

MolinaCares is committed to partnering with providers and clinics to help ensure as many Texans as possible can receive the vaccine. Check out Dr. Elena Marin's [op-ed in the Valley Morning Star](#) to learn about how important these types of partnerships are to combatting the COVID-19 pandemic.

### FOOD SUPPLY DONATION IN DALLAS

As the end of summer nears, Molina has donated nearly 150 backpacks filled with food supplies to Sharing Life in Dallas. These backpacks help Dallas Independent School District students struggling with food insecurity receive the resources they need while out of school.

## MOLINACARES JOINS NORC MCO LEARNING HUB

Starting last month, The MolinaCares Accord partnered with the NORC Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) Learning Hub to launch a Managed Care webinar series. The series will include insights from national experts discussing major trends, initiatives, programs and a wide variety of topics on how to improve the Medicaid program.

The first panel of the six-part series, *Innovations in Medicaid with Support from The MolinaCares Accord: How can Medicaid meet the behavioral health (BH) needs of their members post-pandemic*, occurred on Thursday, July 29. Topics such as substance use disorders, overdoses, deaths and the mental health struggles that have risen during the COVID-19 pandemic were presented in this webinar. You can listen to the full panel [here](#).



**NORC**  
NEW MANAGED CARE WEBINAR SERIES  
Meeting the Behavioral Health Needs  
of Medicaid Members Post-Pandemic

**John McCarthy**  
Moderator  
Founding Partner  
Speire Healthcare Strategies

**Dr. Mario San Bartolomé**  
Speaker  
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Molina Healthcare Inc.

**Jonathan Ciampi**  
Speaker  
Chief Executive Officer  
Bright Heart Health

NORC MCO Learning Hub |  MolinaCares | July 29  
2-3 pm ET

# SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

## VIRTUAL PANEL: ADDRESSING MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY IN UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS

JOIN US FOR A PANEL DISCUSSION

### What's Next: Maternal Care in Texas

The MolinaCares Accord invites you to join Molina Healthcare of Texas president Chris Coffey for a panel discussion. The focus of this panel will be Texas' maternal morbidity and mortality crisis and how to improve the overall health outcomes of mothers in the state.

**Wednesday, September 15, 2021**  
**11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. CT**

Join us for a virtual panel on Wednesday, September 15 to discuss issues that contribute to Texas' high maternal mortality rate, especially in minority populations. The panel, featuring government officials, community-based organizations, and representatives from the health care industry, will discuss solutions on improving the lives of Texans. You can register for this virtual event [here](#).

## 25th ANNUAL MAYOR'S BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

The Dallas Mayor's Back to School Fair began 25 years ago with a mission to help the families of Dallas students prepare for the upcoming school year. The MolinaCares Accord was excited to participate in this event and had a table with interactive games and activities. It was great to see our Molina Healthcare of Texas family as we welcomed students to their new school year!

## COVID-19 VACCINE CLINICS

The MolinaCares Accord and Molina Healthcare of Texas are partnering with CVS and Topcare to host COVID-19 vaccine clinics across the state. Upcoming clinics through the end of August include:

- **August 20**  
Guillen Middle School in El Paso  
9 a.m.–12 p.m. CT
- **August 21**  
Baker Ripley House in Houston  
9 a.m.–12 p.m. CT
- **August 21 and 28**  
Zeke Martinez Building in Pharr  
8 a.m.–12 p.m. CT
- **August 26**  
MD Kids Pediatrics in Dallas  
8 a.m.–12 p.m. CT

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