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## WELCOME FROM PLAN PRESIDENT CHRIS COFFEY

In my first few months as plan president of Molina Healthcare of Texas (MHT), we have been working tirelessly to provide high quality care for Texans as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect our community. Working with community partners over the past few weeks, we have helped ensure that Texans receive lifesaving vaccines, PPE, and educational resources to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the Lone Star State.

To give you a look into some of the important work we have been doing for our members during the pandemic, we lead this edition of our newsletter with the story of Molina member Andrew Capen. Due to complications from COVID-19, Andrew required a double lung transplant. The Molina Healthcare of Texas team worked with Houston Methodist Hospital to ensure Andrew received the lifesaving surgery he needed to get back on his feet. I encourage you to watch the [video](#) we put together on Andrew's journey.

You can read even more about all we have accomplished over the past few weeks below, and I look forward to checking back in with you all in December!

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## ANDREW'S JOURNEY

After Molina Healthcare of Texas member Andrew Capen contracted COVID-19, complications from the disease put him in desperate need of a double lung transplant. Partnering with Houston Methodist Hospital, Molina Healthcare of Texas was able to secure the lifesaving surgery Capen required to recover from the disease and get his life back.

“The moment I realized Molina and Methodist had worked out a deal, it was a huge weight lifted off,” said Capen. “Just having hope, that’s the difference between life and death a lot of the times. ... If it wasn’t for them, I wouldn’t be here right now.”

Watch a video recapping Andrew’s journey [here](#).



## VACCINATION EVENTS

As part of a continued statewide initiative to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and keep Texans healthy, Molina Healthcare of Texas has hosted over 17 vaccine clinics since July.

In partnership with MD Kids Pediatrics and CVS Pharmacy, Molina hosted vaccine events in Pharr, Cypress, Dallas, and El Paso. The vaccine events coincided with the start of the school year to ensure children and their parents had the necessary resources to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Various clinics provided participants with new backpacks, care packages, and gift cards to start the new school year.

“The vaccine is our greatest protection against COVID-19 and ensuring Texans are able to access it in their local communities is vital to helping end this pandemic,” said Chris Coffey, plan president of Molina Healthcare of Texas.



## HOUSTON FLU SHOT CLINIC

As part of Molina Healthcare of Texas’s continued work to ensure quality health for all Texans, we partnered with Our Lady of Lavang Church and Care Van to provide free flu shots to the Vietnamese community in Houston. The clinic was hosted at the church’s annual fall festival in an effort to make flu shots more accessible to the community.

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## THE MOLINACARES ACCORD AND FEEDING TEXAS

The MolinaCares Accord, in collaboration with Molina Healthcare of Texas, donated \$250,000 to community food bank network Feeding Texas to support millions of Texans struggling in the aftermath of severe weather and record-breaking cold in the state back in February. We put together a video recap to highlight our efforts and the impact they had on vulnerable communities throughout the state.

Check out the video [here](#).



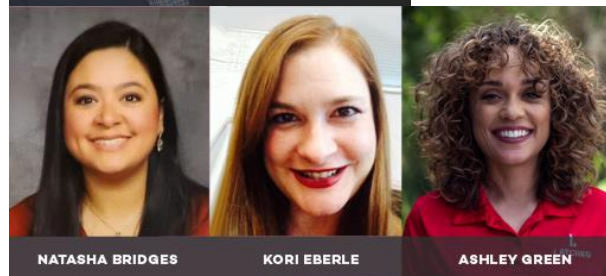
## VIRTUAL PANEL – WHAT’S NEXT: MATERNAL CARE IN TEXAS

The MolinaCares Accord, in collaboration with Molina Healthcare of Texas, carried out its second virtual panel, *What’s Next: Maternal Care in Texas*. After opening remarks from plan president Chris Coffey, Marina Riker, reporter from San Antonio Express-News, moderated a panel of experts who discussed Texas’s high maternal mortality rate, the impact of COVID-19 on maternal care, access to care, reaching the underinsured and uninsured, and how to improve the number of healthy babies and healthy births.

Panelists included Ina Minjarez, state representative for District 124 (Bexar County); Natasha Bridges, senior director of family and children’s services at Catholic Charities Archdiocese of San Antonio; Kori Eberle, project director of the City of San Antonio Metro Health’s Healthy Start program; Ashley Green, co-founder of Latched Support; and Dr. Patrick Ramsey, director of the Maternal-Fetal Medicine Fellowship training program and vice chair for the Texas Collaborative for Healthy Mothers and Babies.

“This is an important issue not just for women and mothers, but also for our entire state,” said Rep. Minjarez. “How can we prosper as a whole when Texas families continue to be at risk?”

Watch the full panel [here](#).





# UPCOMING EVENTS

## UPCOMING VIRTUAL PANEL: SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

Please join us in early December for our third virtual panel, **Supporting Children's Mental Health**. The panel will focus on how government, nonprofits, and schools work together to ensure the health and wellness of children are prioritized given the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, especially when it comes to mental health.

Stay tuned for more details!



(Above) Additional photos from the vaccine events hosted by Molina, MD Kids Pediatrics, and CVS Pharmacy.

## NORC WEBINAR

The MolinaCares Accord and NORC Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) Learning Hub are excited to announce Part 2 of the 6-part Medicaid Managed Care Webinar Series "Innovations in Medicaid" with the upcoming webinar **Addressing the Care Fragmentation Crisis for Dually Eligible Individuals**. During this webinar, you will hear respected healthcare experts, including Molina's own Executive Vice President of External Affairs, Carolyn Ingram, discuss how managed care plans, states, and community-based organizations can work together to effectively integrate care for dual eligible individuals.

- **Date and Time:** November 1, 12 PM ET– 1PM ET
- **Registration:** You can register for the webinar [here](#).

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Addressing the Care Fragmentation Crisis for Dually Eligible Individuals

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NORC MCO Learning Hub | MolinaCares | Mon, November 1 | 1-2 pm ET

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