

MolinaCares

California Equity & Accessibility Initiative

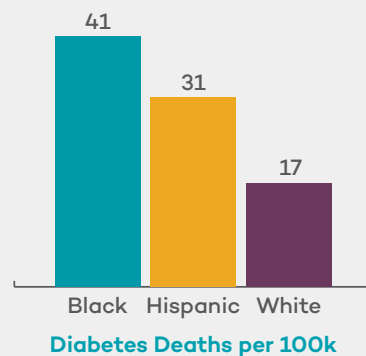
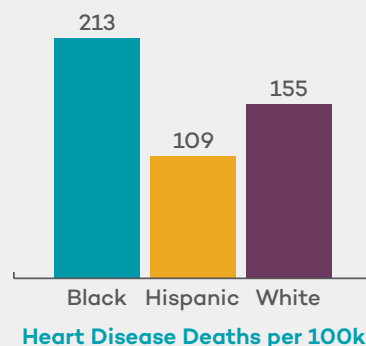


The MolinaCares Accord, in collaboration with Molina Healthcare of California, established the California Equity and Accessibility Initiative with an initial \$1.6 million commitment to advance health equity and increase health care access throughout the state.

Address Inequities in Accessibility of Quality Care

MolinaCares is working to eliminate disparities in health care and increase accessibility of quality care for pressing California health needs. Nearly 40% of Californians have 1 or more chronic conditions and health outcomes vary by race and ethnicity. MolinaCares is partnering with trusted organizations throughout the state to help close the gap on these disparities.

- MolinaCares supports the **American Heart Association** in developing and implementing programming to improve heart health, healthy lifestyles and emotional wellbeing in underserved communities.
- The California incarcerated population often have chronic conditions, like diabetes and heart disease, and experience disruptions in care after reentry. MolinaCares is supporting the **Transitions Clinic Network** to expand its Hub and improve care coordination for those reentering the community from California Prisons.
- Dementia-related chronic conditions affect individuals and families, with nearly 700k Californians diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. MolinaCares is supporting the **Alzheimer's Association** to implement a **Southern California Alzheimer's and Dementia Care ECHO® Program** to improve accessibility of quality dementia care.



Improve Accessibility of Behavioral Health Care

The COVID-19 pandemic has had an adverse impact on behavioral health across California particularly for communities of color and those facing barriers to accessing care. Suicide among young people has risen significantly and calls to understaffed and fragmented hotlines have increased 67% in recent years.

MolinaCares is partnering with the **California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies** to support the implementation of a 9-8-8 crisis hotline to increase accessibility of critical behavioral health services statewide the partnership will include call center training and learning collaboratives to support the development of best practices among hotline staff, thereby improving the quality of behavioral health care provided.

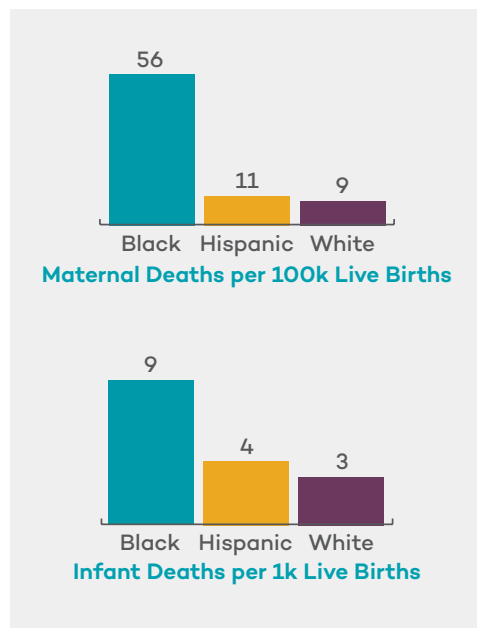
Reduce Disparities in Maternal Health

Black and Hispanic Californians experience higher rates of maternal and infant death.

MolinaCares is supporting efforts in California to address longstanding disparities in health and health care for people of color, including stark disparities in maternal and infant health.



Reach Out West End Mamas Y Bebés program, supported by MolinaCares, provides critical support and tailored education for new and expecting mothers to help address inequities in maternal health, including social supports, wellness and behavioral health classes, childcare and transportation assistance.



Develop Equity Focused Health Care Leaders

Research suggests that diversity in health care leadership can improve quality of care, workplace culture, community relations and the ability to affect community health status. MolinaCares is committed to ensuring California has the resources and training in place to support diverse and equitable health care leadership.

By supporting the **California Primary Care Association Leadership Equity Program**, MolinaCares is helping to develop a pipeline and trainings for community health center leadership to strengthen capacity to achieve just and equitable care.

MolinaCares Champions celebrates the work of Equity Activists that address barriers to equitable health and social/economic opportunities by funding award recipient organizations of choice to continue their service to the community.



Angelica Pena MolinaCares Champion April 2021



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