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## WELCOME FROM PLAN PRESIDENT ABBIE TOTTEN

Over the past few months, The [MolinaCares Accord](#) and [Molina Healthcare of California](#) have been partnering with impactful local organizations to support key community initiatives and community events that promote health and wellness for all Californians. This includes the announcement of a \$1.6 million philanthropic commitment to advance health equity and increase accessibility of quality care throughout the state. In addition, we are sponsoring vaccination clinics to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and hosting virtual panel discussions on social determinants of health, and improving access to care for all Californians.

Molina has deep roots in California. Founded over 40 years ago in Long Beach, Molina employs over 2,500 employees across Los Angeles County and nearly 1,000 in Long Beach. We are incredibly proud to serve our state and provide our members with the tools they need to live a happy and healthy life. I encourage you to read more about our history in Long Beach and the work we are doing to benefit communities across the Golden State in this month's newsletter.

Best,

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## THE MOLINACARES ACCORD EQUITY AND ACCESSIBILITY INITIATIVE

This month, MolinaCares launched the California Equity and Accessibility Initiative. With the aim of building stronger communities, MolinaCares has made an initial commitment of \$1.6 million to support programs and partnerships with community-based organizations to address health disparities and improve health outcomes. This initiative is supporting [California Primary Care Association](#), [Transitions Clinic Network](#), [American Heart Association](#), [Reach Out](#), [Alzheimer's Association](#), and [California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies](#).

Learn more about this effort [here](#).

## MOLINACARES RECOGNIZES THREE SACRAMENTO COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

MolinaCares is proud to announce this year's MolinaCares Champions award winners in Sacramento. The MolinaCares Champions program celebrates the work of equity activists who address barriers to equitable health and social and economic opportunities. Our Sacramento recipients include:



**Vernon McZeek – case manager, Downtown Street Team**

Vernon's work through Sacramento County focuses on helping high-risk individuals experiencing homelessness.



**Esmeralda Sanchez – administrative assistant and parent liaison, Walnut Grove Elementary School**

During the pandemic, Esmeralda worked closely with Kay Dix Farms to offer their workers paid time off and transportation to get their COVID-19 vaccines at La Familia Counseling Center's vaccination clinics.



**Scott Young – founder and president, Carmichael HART**

Over the past 10 years, Scott has worked to help almost one-fourth of all homeless individuals in Sacramento County through his organization, Carmichael HART.

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## VACCINE CLINICS

MolinaCares hosted COVID-19 vaccine clinics in El Monte on September 20 and 27 and October 4 and 11. The vaccine clinics were part of an ongoing series of clinics in cities across Southern California, including Pomona, El Monte, Chula Vista, and San Bernardino. The most recent clinics were hosted in partnership with ChapCare, County of L.A. Public Health, and Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Hilda L. Solis, Supervisor to the First District.

“My sincerest thanks to Molina Healthcare for its ongoing leadership in organizing this series of vaccine clinics in El Monte,” said Supervisor Solis. “We know the vaccine is safe and effective against COVID-19, and to that end, I am proud of the work Molina is doing to diligently get shots into the arms of our residents, especially in communities of color like Pomona and El Monte.”



## SERVING CALIFORNIANS SINCE 1980

Like many successful businesses, Molina Healthcare was created out of need. The need – even calling – to support the lowest-income Californians regardless of their ability to pay. In 1980, Molina Healthcare was born in Long Beach, California.

Molina Healthcare of California now serves approximately 625,000 members through Medi-Cal, Medicare, Medicare-Medicaid (Duals), and Covered California (Marketplace) in Sacramento, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside, San Diego, Orange, and Imperial Counties. Today, Molina plans serve over four million members in 19 additional states.

From the beginning, Molina has been committed to improving the health and lives of the communities we serves through quality health care and meaningful, measurable, and innovative programs and solutions. This is especially evident with The MolinaCares Accord, a community investment platform which, this year alone, has supplied over \$1.6 million in support to non-profit organizations that share its mission to help lift those in our communities who need it most.

Molina Healthcare is a major employer in Long Beach, with over 2,500 employees in Los Angeles County and nearly 3,000 employees throughout California, and is well-equipped to continue serving members and employing residents for decades to come.

Click [here](#) to watch a video about Molina's roots in Long Beach and the work Molina Healthcare and MolinaCares are doing to serve communities here in California and across the country.

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## LONG BEACH WELLNESS DAY



In collaboration with Equity Through Literacy, MolinaCares sponsored a back-to-school wellness event at Cesar Chavez Park in Long Beach.

The event promoted wellness and health through various activities while providing direct support to alleviate the financial costs associated with going back to school.

“Equity Through Literacy is so pleased to partner with MolinaCares on this wonderful event,” said Antonette Franceschi-Chavez, co-founder and CEO at Equity Through Literacy. “Preparing our young people to return to school – with all of the supplies they need to be successful – is an essential step to increasing the success of our community’s learners, and our partnership with MolinaCares has made it possible.”

## SAN DIEGO VIRTUAL PANEL: ADDRESSING SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH AND ACCESS TO CARE

MolinaCares hosted its third virtual panel titled *Addressing Social Determinants of Health and Access to Care Against the Backdrop of a Pandemic*. San Diego Board of Supervisors Chairman Nathan Fletcher offered welcome remarks before a panel of experts moderated by Feeding America’s Chief Government Relations Officer Vince Hall discussed health inequities exacerbated by the pandemic.

The panel examined COVID-19 through a local lens, looking at the disease’s long-term impact on physical and environmental factors affecting access to coverage and care. The panelists highlighted the critical need for cross-sector collaboration to ensure communities have access to high-quality care and services that will improve health outcomes.

The panel of experts included Dr. Wilma Wooten, San Diego County public health officer, Rudolph A. Johnson, III, president and CEO of the Neighborhood House Association, and Dinora Reyna Gutierrez, executive director of the San Diego Organizing Project.

Click [here](#) to watch the full panel.



# ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

## MOLINACARES YOUTUBE CHANNEL

MolinaCares is on YouTube! On our channel, you can watch videos about the important work MolinaCares is doing across the country. Follow our page to stay up-to-date on all things MolinaCares.

You can check out the channel [here](#) and please follow our other social media accounts on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#).



NEW MANAGED CARE WEBINAR SERIES

**NORC**

### Addressing the Care Fragmentation Crisis for Dually Eligible Individuals



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**Tom Betlach**  
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**Carolyn Ingram**  
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Executive Vice President  
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Molina Healthcare



**Jennifer Baron**  
Speaker  
Senior Strategist,  
Policy & Product  
Cityblock Health

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

## SAVE THE DATE: NORC WEBINAR

MolinaCares and NORC Managed Care Organizations 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 health care 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, 12PM ET-1PM ET
- Registration: You can register for the webinar [here](#).

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