

Strategic Plan, 2018 through 2022

The Connecticut Health Foundation's mission is to improve the health of Connecticut residents. To achieve this, we focus on improving health outcomes for people of color and ensuring that all Connecticut residents have access to quality, affordable health care regardless of race, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status.

This plan is rooted in our vision that *the next generation will be free from racial and ethnic health disparities*. The kinds of systemic changes that will produce a more equitable health care system will benefit us all.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

ENSURE ACCESS TO COVERAGE: *The uninsured rate for people of color will not increase*

GOAL 1

- Objective 1:** Ensure the existence of an effective centralized portal for CT residents to sign up for health care coverage.
- Objective 2:** Preserve Medicaid income eligibility at or above existing levels.
- Objective 3:** Maintain eligibility for adults who gained coverage through the Affordable Care Act's Medicaid expansion.

INCREASE CONNECTION TO CARE: *All people of color who are covered through Medicaid or Access Health CT will have a primary care provider or access to a specific source of quality care*

GOAL 2

- Objective 1:** Support enrollment policies for Medicaid and Access Health CT that require all covered individuals to select a primary care provider or be connected to one.
- Objective 2:** Support the sustainability of the safety net of federally qualified health centers and school-based health centers, ensuring that they are available to provide quality care.

IMPROVE CARE DELIVERY: *New systems for financing and delivering health care will include measures that address racial and ethnic health disparities, and reward improved health outcomes*

GOAL 3

- Objective 1:** Increase the collection, reporting, and use of data on patients' race, ethnicity, and language preference.
- Objective 2:** Promote the functionality and adoption of systems that allow health information to be exchanged.
- Objective 3:** Partner with the private sector to incorporate quality measures in care delivery that address racial and ethnic health disparities.
- Objective 4:** Increase the use of quality measures that reward appropriate and effective primary care.

LINK CLINICAL CARE WITH COMMUNITIES: *Strong and meaningful links will exist between the clinical care system and the communities where people live, so that health care and community organizations that work with the same people work together to improve health*

GOAL 4

- Objective 1:** Ensure that community health workers are integrated in the care delivery system and that funding for their work is sustainable.
- Objective 2:** Encourage collaboration and integration of clinical care with community organizations, so that health care better addresses the factors that influence people's health.

STRENGTHEN ADVOCACY & LEADERSHIP: *Improve the breadth and depth of advocacy networks' capacity to promote health coverage, delivery system reform, and linkages to care for people of color*

GOAL 5

- Objective 1:** Foster the development of a collaborative network across sectors that can advocate for improved health care coverage, delivery, and equity.
- Objective 2:** Support the development of leaders from diverse backgrounds.
- Objective 3:** Invest in a diverse and broad range of providers, nonprofits, and community organizations that advocate for the advancement of health equity.
- Objective 4:** Provide health equity expertise to decisionmakers.