



# Alternative Payment Model 1 for Primary Care (APM 1)

APM 1 Community Forum #3 – Health Equity  
and Value-Based Care  
Thursday, October 19, 2023  
7:30-9:00 am

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# Agenda

- 7:30 - 7:50** Welcome and Overview of the Health Equity Plan
- 7:50 - 8:10** Value-Based Payment Models and Health Equity
- 8:10 - 8:30** Data Management and the Role of Providers in Advancing Health Equity
- 8:30 - 9:00** Community Engagement Opportunities, Next Steps, and Q&A

# Ways to Participate

Please share your comments and questions verbally or in the chat.

- Prior to sharing, please **share your name and organization, and disclose any financial interests** if appropriate.
- If you would like to comment verbally: Please use the raise hand function in Zoom. Guests will be invited one at a time to share.



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# Written Feedback



Following the meeting, additional feedback can be submitted to the Colorado Health Institute at:

[FocusGroups@coloradohealthinstitute.org](mailto:FocusGroups@coloradohealthinstitute.org)

no later than Wednesday, October 25.

# Overview of the Health Equity Plan



# Our Mission:

Improving health care equity, access and outcomes for the people we serve while saving Coloradans money on health care and driving value for Colorado.

# Land Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge that what is now Colorado includes the lands of the Ute, Arapaho, Cheyenne, Diné (di-NAY), Lakota, Apache, Puebloan nations, and many Tribes, and that the sovereign tribal governments of the Ute Mountain Ute and the Southern Ute Indian Tribes still reside in this state. These tribes are the original stewards of these natural areas. We want to take a moment to honor and respect these original stewards of the environment and their relationship with the land.

To Learn about the Importance of Land Acknowledgements:

- Native Land Map at <https://native-land.ca/>



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## Department Health Equity Plan Fiscal Year 2022-23

Closing the Gap  
A Health Equity  
Plan Addressing  
Health Disparities  
and Improving  
Outcomes for Health  
First Colorado  
(Colorado's Medicaid  
program) and Child  
Health Plan Plus  
Members  
July 1, 2022



# Health Equity Plan Updates

- Health Equity Dashboard is LIVE! (Department use only at this time)
- Health Equity Plan Measure Specification Documents
- Health Equity Measures have been shared with RAE/CHP+ Plans
- RAE/MCO/CHP+ Health Equity Plans are due to HCPF December 31, 2023
- Statewide Health Equity Task Force (convening since July 2022) – Recommendations to HCPF by Q1 2024
- 20 Health Equity Public Town Halls (~2500+ stakeholders)
- HCPF continues to explore and improve alignment in our policy goals and incentive metrics. (Possible changes for FY 24/25)

# Applying a health equity lens across programs and initiatives



## Progress

- Stratified data analytics to identify disparities, Health Equity Dashboard
- Health Equity Plans in RAE/MCE contracts effective July 1, 2022
- Stakeholder engagement: 20 health equity public meetings, >2,500 stakeholders participating by Dec. 2023

## Focus Areas

- Maternal health: published Vol. 2 Health First Colorado Maternity Report
- Behavioral health: investments and transformation
- Prevention: increase access and engagement to improve quality care and health outcomes
- Vaccinations: well child/adolescent visits

## Looking Ahead

- Continue progress on health equity plan
- Based on disparity data, identify key populations, actionable strategies to close gaps
- Use CMS core measures in focus areas
- Cultural responsiveness and member experience
- ACC Phase 3.0

# Health Equity Initiatives

Department  
priority

HE lens to  
additional  
departments

Contract  
requirement for  
RAE/ACC/CHP+/  
MCO Plans

Dashboard

Statewide HE  
Taskforce

Quality Metrics  
Tracking/monitoring  
regional and CHP+ HE  
performance

Modified Medicaid  
application

Value-Based  
Incentives

# Value-Based Payment Models and Health Equity

# Value-Based Incentive

- Paying for quality, not quantity
- Reduce health disparities
- Aligning with ACC Phase 3.0 priority initiatives (2025)
  - Accountability for Equity and Quality
  - Improved Member Experience
  - Referrals to Community Partners
  - Alternative Payment
  - Children and Youth
  - Technology and Data Sharing
  - Care Coordination
  - Behavioral Health Transformation

# APM 1 and HEP Measure Alignment

Focus Area	Measures in Both APM 1 and HEP
Primary Care Access and Preventive Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Colorectal Cancer Screening</li> <li>● Cervical Cancer Screening</li> <li>● Chlamydia Screening in Women</li> <li>● Immunizations for Adolescents</li> <li>● Childhood Immunization Status</li> <li>● Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits</li> <li>● Well-Child Visits in the First 30 Months</li> </ul>
Care of Acute and Chronic Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hemoglobin A1c Control for Patients with Diabetes</li> <li>● Controlling High Blood Pressure</li> </ul>
Behavioral Health Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Follow-up after Emergency Department Visit for Mental Illness</li> <li>● Follow-up after Hospitalization for Mental Illness</li> <li>● Follow-up after Emergency Department Visit for Substance Use</li> <li>● Depression Screening and Follow-up Plan</li> </ul>

# Data Management and the Role of Providers in Advancing Health Equity

# Data Management

## Quality dashboards focused on disparity metrics and performance measures

- Develop robust dashboards that stratify data
- Provide current or most updated disparity data
- Embed health equity lens in metric deliverables with DAS Analytics section

## Stratify data by race/ethnicity, gender, geography, disability, and other available identifiers

- Quality data
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Core Measures
- HCPF goals and measurements
- Changes to Medicaid application; access to data



## Internal Health Equity Dashboard, Priority Populations and System Calculations

- Currently displaying RAE 1 through 7 level Health Equity Measures
- Reporting period CY Jan-Dec 2022
- Filter denominator count 30 members or more
- HCPF use only; live demonstrations during meetings



# Internal Health Equity Dashboard, Priority Populations and System Calculations

Dashboard highlights RAE Overall Performance, State Performance, NCQA HEDIS Mean, and measures broken out by the following filters:

- Member Race/Ethnicity
- Member Age
- Member Language
- Member County
- Member Disability Status

Note: HCPF is working to include the following considerations (at minimum) into future calculations: Location (e.g. rural, urban, frontier)

The following measures will be included in the future:

- Depression Screening and Follow-up [Core Measure NQF 0418]
- COVID Booster Vaccination Rate
- Diabetes Care Measure

# Health Equity Plan Dashboard

Select a RAE to View Health Equity Measures:

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7

Select how to breakout measures results:

Member Race/Ethnicity

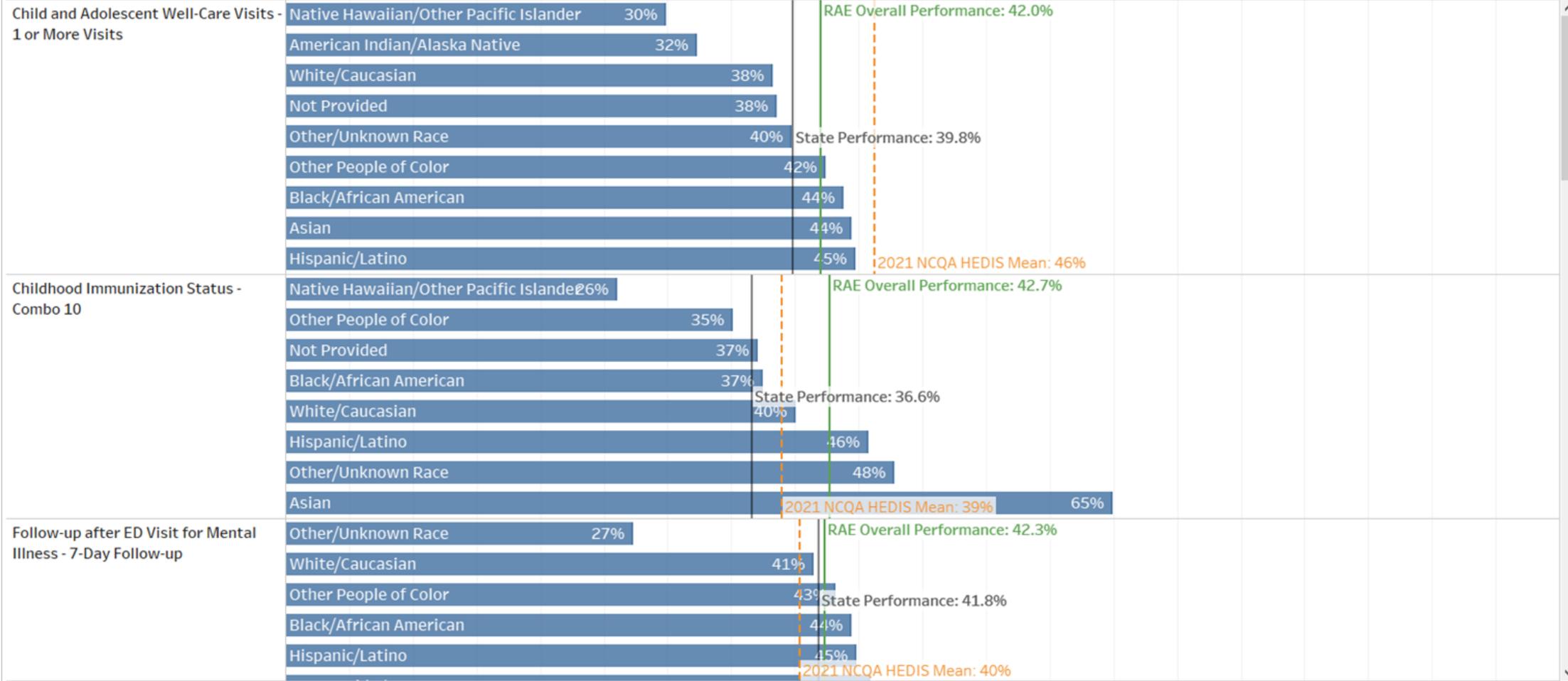
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1/1/2022

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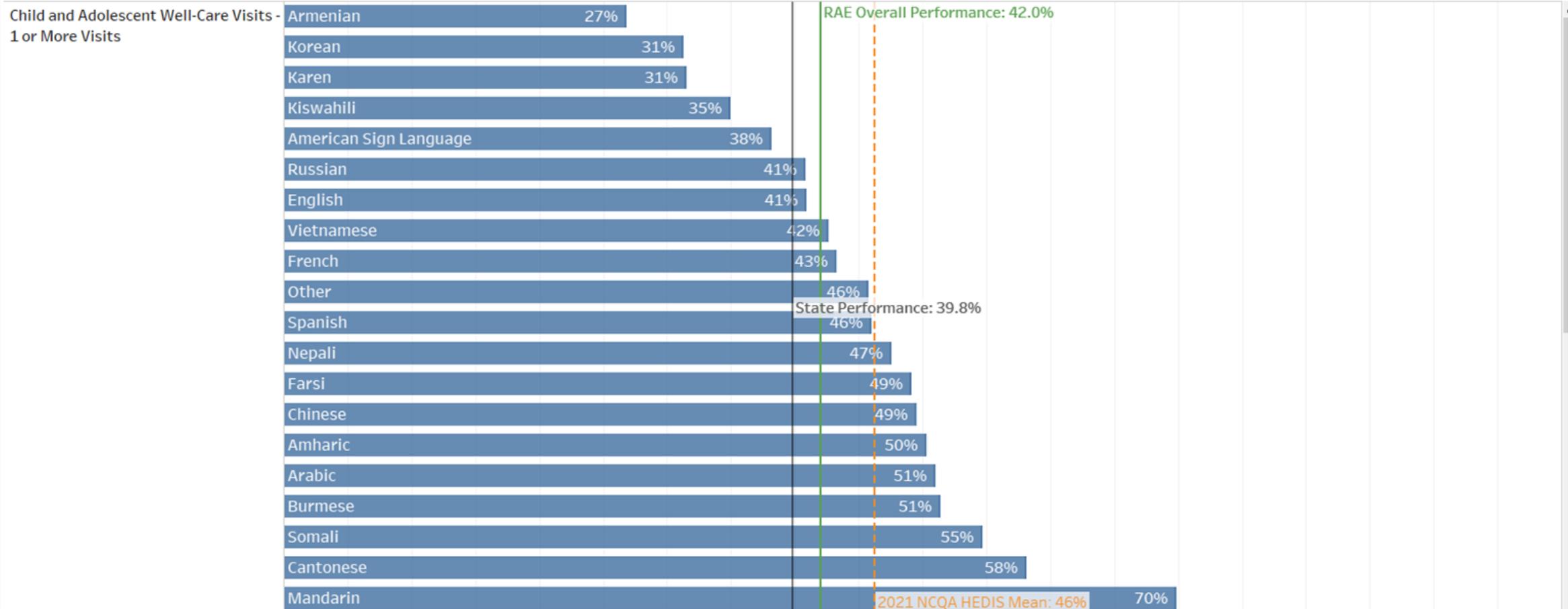
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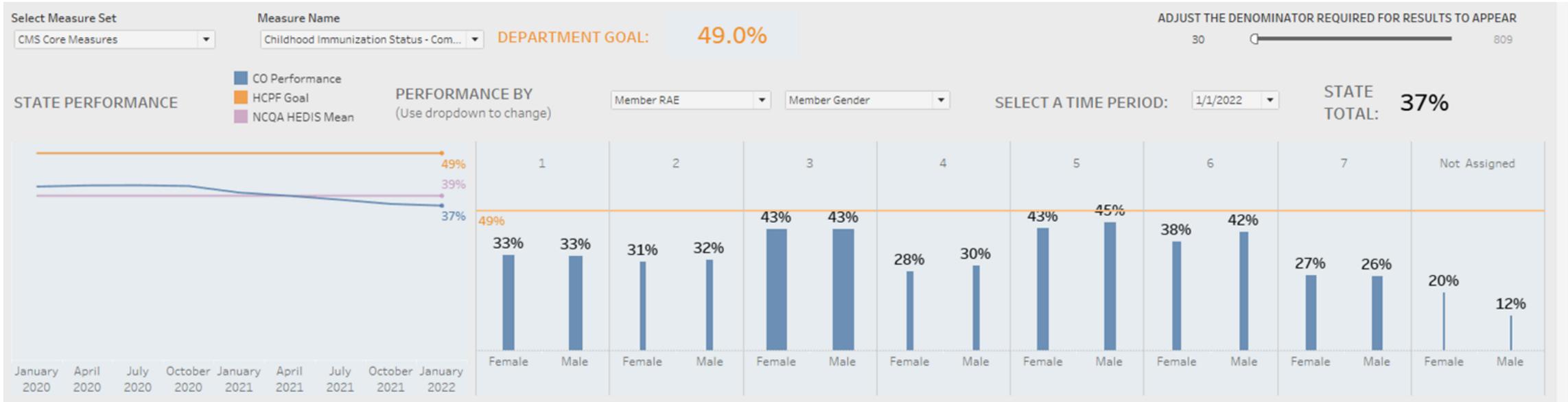
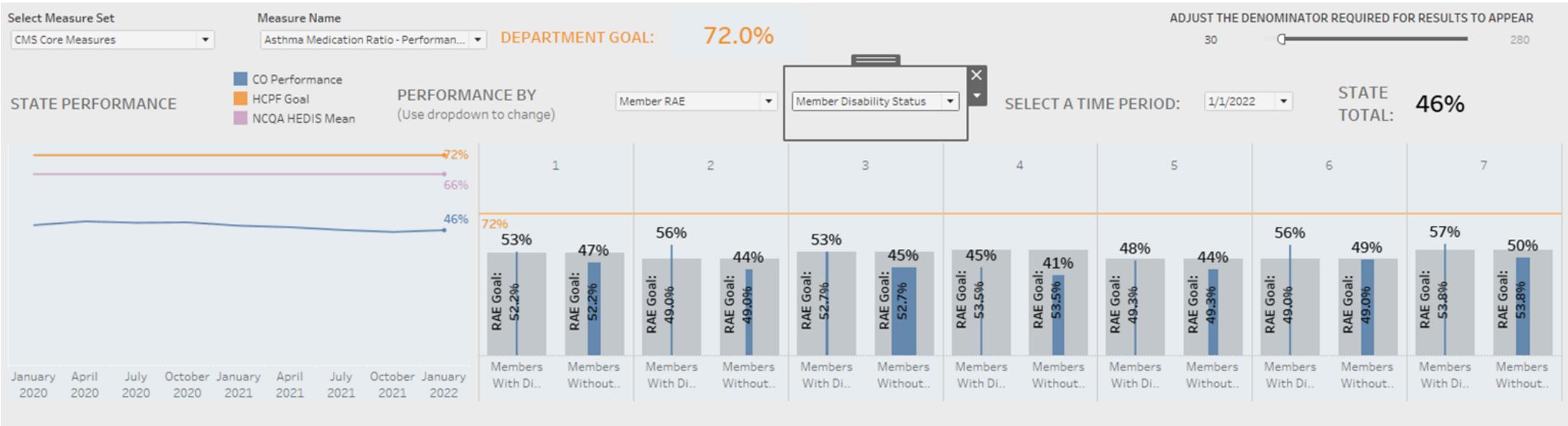
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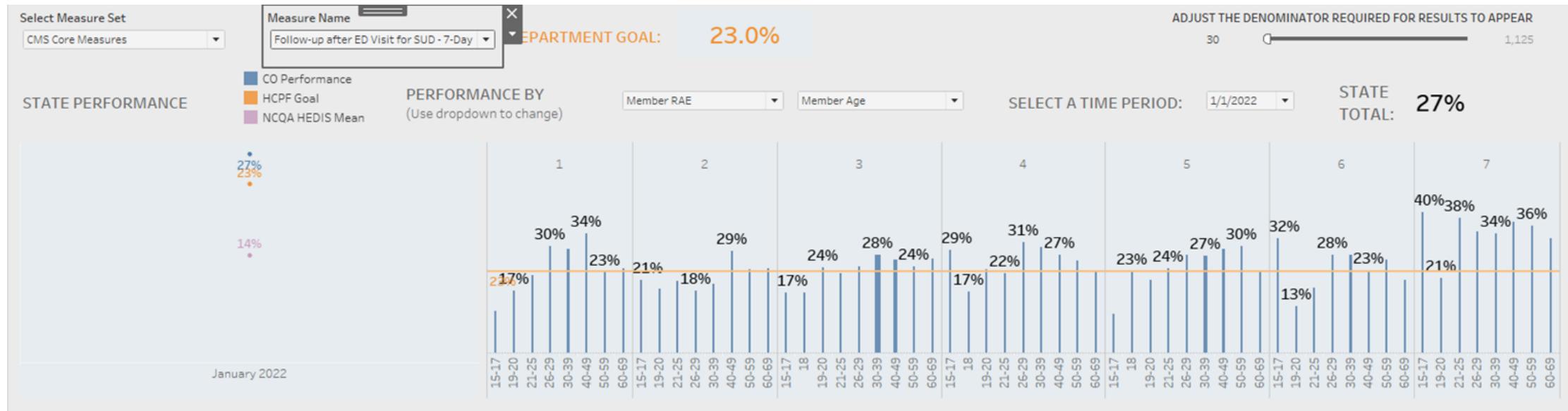
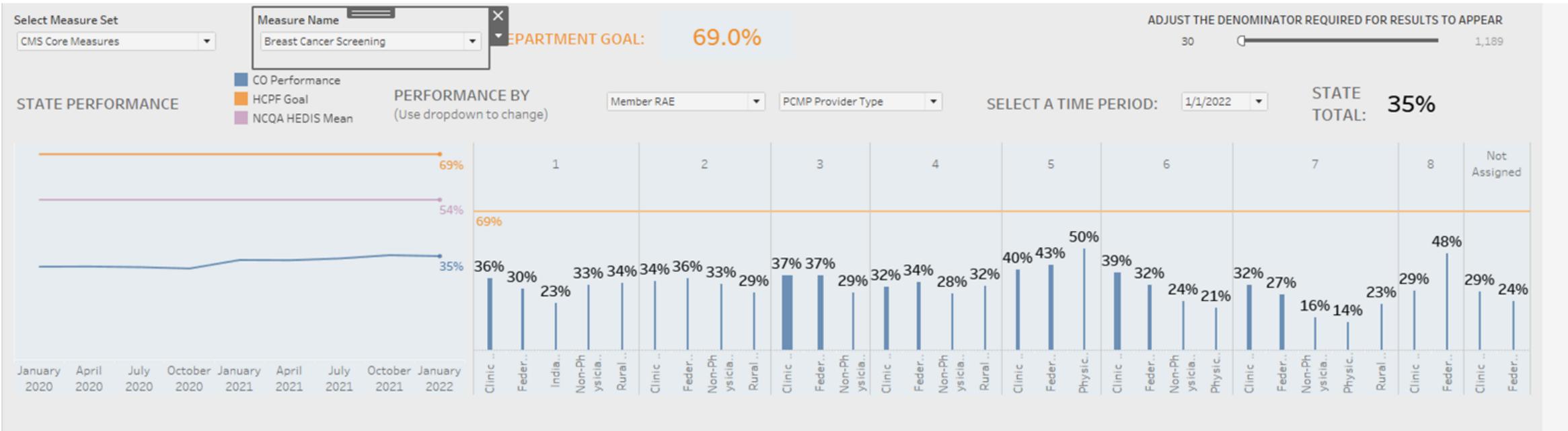


# Measures can be broken out by Member Language

Current Selections: RAE 3, Broken Out By Member Language For Reporting Period Starting 1/1/2022







# Role of Providers in Advancing Health Equity

- Access to care
- Preventative care
- Cultural competency, responsiveness and humility
- Screening and early detection
- Health literacy and education
- Advocacy for vulnerable populations
- Advocacy for policies and resources
- Coordination of care
- Community engagement
- Data collection and research

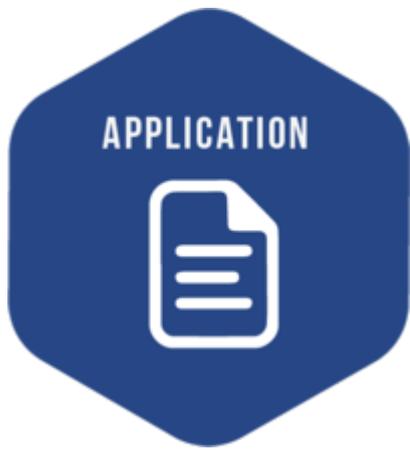
# Additional Health Equity Priorities

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In addition to current health equity short term and long term goals and projects, the Department will move forward with the following concepts:

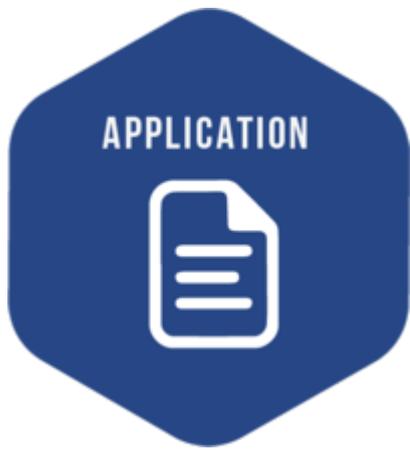
1. Changes to Medicaid Application
2. Spanish-Speaking Maternity Advisory Council (MAC)
3. Core 5: Prescriber Tool, Phase III
4. Comprehensive Behavioral Health Providers
5. Chronic Care Management & Preventative Care
6. Equity Study for People with Disabilities
7. Tribal Relations and Health Equity Study





## Long Term Project: Changes to Medicaid Application

- Changes include *optional* self-identification questions
- Provide capability to identify and make informed program/policy and investment decisions
- Improve access to quality demographic data



# Long Term Project: Changes to Medicaid Application

Include a more robust ability to stratify data by race/ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, language, and housing status

- Outcome, impact, and measurement of success:
  - Upstream ability to identify additional disparity data
  - Proposed questions are added to online and paper applications by **October 2024**
  - **Current programs or resources:** Quality Data Team, Need: Proposal dependent on collaboration and support of CDHS partners (pending), CMS approval TBD

# Community Engagement: Statewide Health Equity Task Force and Public Town Halls

# Community Engagement

## Task Force

- 60+ Ambassadors across the state; Five workgroups
  - Access to Care, Prevention, Behavioral Health, Maternity, Vaccinations
- Provide specific recommendations to HCPF and engage in health equity-related initiatives and policy. Due Jan/March 2024

## Town Halls

- 20 focused public stakeholder events in the community by December 2023
  - ~2,500 stakeholders, target populations include Black/African American, Asian American Pacific Islander, Disability, Hispanic/Latino, American Indian/Alaska Native

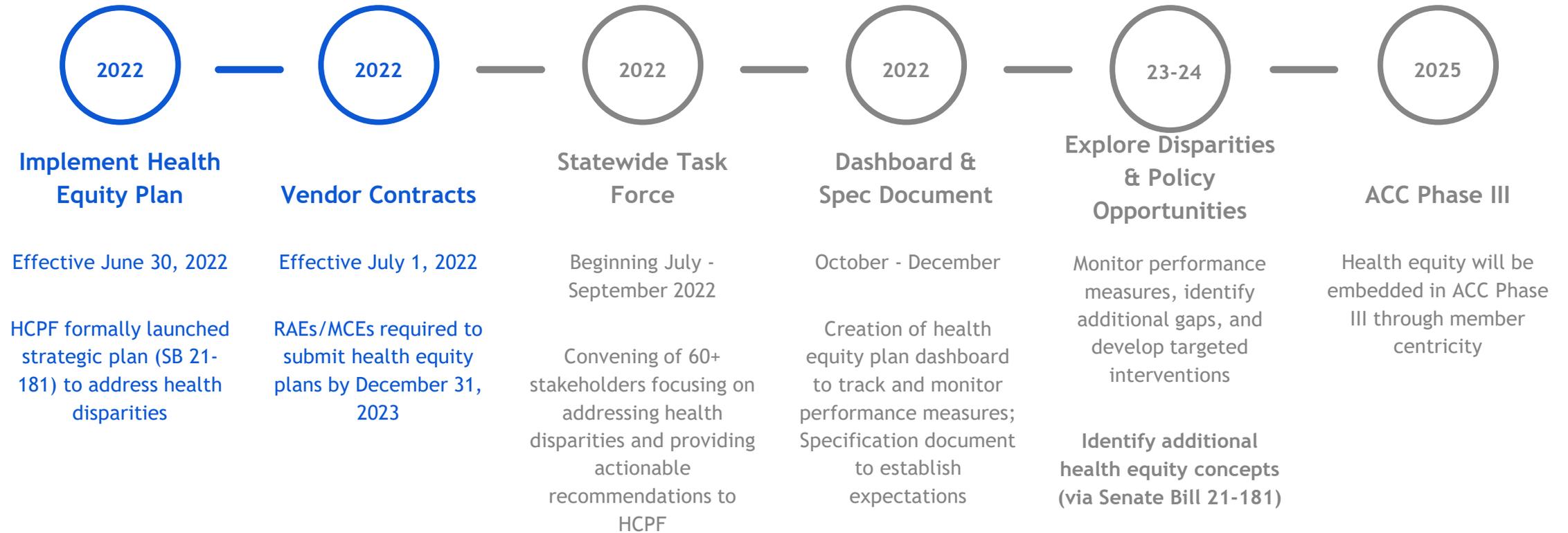
# Building Equity Into Payment Models Workgroup, a Multifaceted Approach

- Equitable distribution, targeted outreach, data alignment and equity lens application
- Risk adjustments and aligned quality metrics
- Community partnerships and patient-centered care
- Health IT infrastructure, EHR
- Transparency and accountability
- Provider incentives
- Education and training
- Patient navigation services
- Flexibility, trailering, research, and evaluation over time

# Next Steps

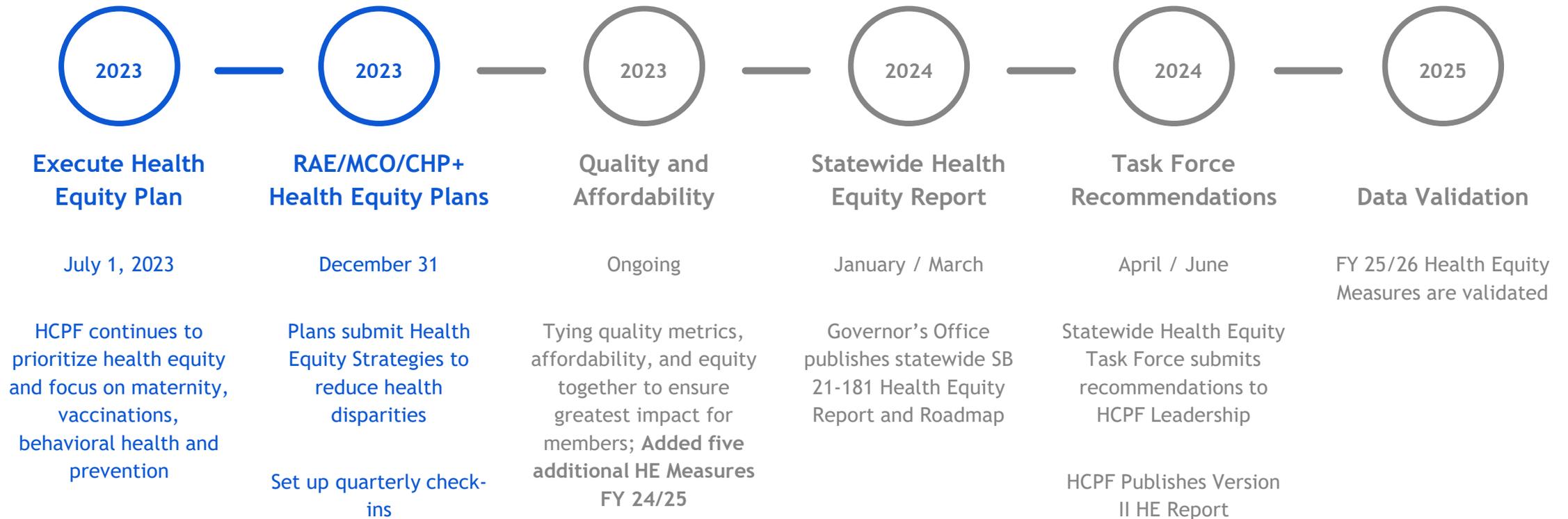
# Health Equity Plan Phase I

SFY 2022-2025 (and beyond)



# Health Equity Plan Phase II

SFY 2022-2025 (and beyond)



# Overall Measurement of Success

- Alignment with Health Equity Commission and other state department efforts
- CMS Medicaid Quality Core Measures – enhance ability to report
- Focus on preventive services, perinatal care, behavioral health, and immunizations (includes COVID)
  - Gap closure methodology (regional vs. statewide metrics)
  - Leverage initiatives that measurably reduce disparities
  - Increased access to quality care for all members, reduced cost, and affordability
- Timeline around progress: FY 23/24, Monthly updates from subject matter experts, project leads (Status 6/30/24)
- Version 2 report published by June 30, 2024



# Questions / Feedback

# Contact Info

Please submit any written feedback on this meeting no later than  
Wednesday, October 25 to:

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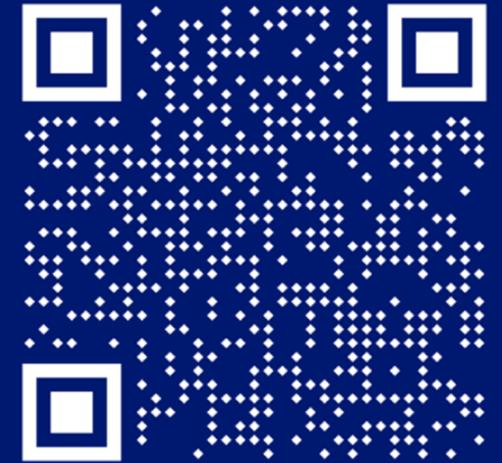
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# Appendix

Short term projects: Activities or projects to accomplish in the near future (i.e. 12 months or less)

- Collaborate with Health First Colorado Primary Care Providers to eliminate barriers to COVID-19 vaccination rates
- Monitor RAE compliance against submitted strategies to address COVID-19 vaccination rates. Identify barriers and create plans to further address barriers with a focus on target populations
- Collaborate with congregant-setting providers to ensure a Health First Colorado member vaccination rate above 85% and that each provider is compliant with the CDPHE vaccination distribution requirements, as defined in rule.
- Continue to collaborate with CDPHE on outreach activities.

- Evolve the Department’s Health First Colorado Maternity Alternative Payment Model (APM).
- Document the experience of Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) birthing people to increase maternity health disparity drivers and insights
- 365 Days of Postpartum Coverage. Implement SB21-194, which provides the Department with authority to ensure all members receive a full year (instead of 60 days) of postpartum coverage.
- Expanded Population Coverage for Family Planning Services. Implement SB21-009 and SB21-025 which support family planning and coverage for undocumented Coloradans to reduce the incidence of unintended pregnancy, which reduces adverse perinatal and neonatal outcomes.

- Increased the Health First Colorado behavioral health network to more than 11,000 active behavioral health providers.
- Create a report that identifies those providers who are enrolled but not seeing patients, and create outreach to identify why.
- Behavioral health community grants and training. Provide Behavioral Health community grants to expand capacity specific to community members' needs with culturally relevant service access, availability, and delivery.
- Alternative Payment Model (APM). Ensure the equity framework is utilized in developing a new APM and value measures during this interval and evaluate the effectiveness of the framework in current behavioral health efforts.

- Improve Diabetes A1C control in populations at risk by:
- Analyzing data in collaboration with RAE/MCO partners to identify disparities (race/ethnicity, age, gender, language, disability) and identifying priority populations
  - Inventorying the percent of members with diabetes enrolled in RAE diabetes programs
  - Continuing to improve data quality by increasing access to provider lab data and improving provider documentation of services provided and level of disease control
  - Collaborating with FQHCs to develop diabetes self-management education (DSME) program opportunities to improve patient health equity through evidence-based medicine
- Create the initiatives to increase well child visits.

Long term projects: More than 12 months, requiring additional time and planning

- Determine additional strategies needed to close the COVID-19 vaccination disparity equal to the overall Colorado population and Health First Colorado/CHP+ vaccination disparity.

- **Maternity Health Equity Plan.** Develop and implement a Maternity Equity Plan that addresses maternal morbidity in BIPOC communities.
- **Leverage the Hospital Quality Incentive Payment (HQIP) Program.** Hospital incentive program focused on maternal health, patient safety and patient experience measures. Includes measures on **Maternal Depression and Anxiety, Maternal Emergencies, Zero Suicide, and Racial and Ethnic Disparities.**
- **Leverage HTP.** Improve hospital care by tying CHASE fee-funded hospital payments to quality-based initiatives through the Hospital Transformation Program (HTP).

- **Work with sister departments to expand broadband and telehealth in rural communities** to improve tele-behavioral health care access and reduce reluctance to seek care due to stigma.
- **Expand behavioral health mobile crisis benefit and develop secure transportation benefit** to reduce reliance on law enforcement and ensure equitable access to services, which will require providers to become proficient in procedures for crisis response and transport for individuals with disabilities, individuals who are deaf/hard of hearing, and individuals who are non-English speaking or non-English proficient.

- **Identify Social Risk Factors (SRF)** through the lens of social determinants of health and develop predictive analytics tools to gather appropriate data for social needs to promote health equity.
- **Work with OeHI and state partners to release and review the Request for Proposals (RFP) that will procure a partner to implement the second phase of the Prescriber Tool,** which allows providers and case management to better address social determinants of health for Health First Colorado members.
- **Work with providers and advocates to collect data to better screen for whole-person service needs and identify disparities related to upstream and downstream determinants.**

# RAE/ACC Health Equity Plan Measures, Rev2\_2023

Indicator	Description	Steward
Indicator 1	10% increase in booster vaccination rate - Adult and Child	HCPF
Indicator 2	Comprehensive Diabetes Care, Hemoglobin A1c Poor Control >9% (NQF 0059)	NCQA
Indicator 3	Well-child Visits in the First 30 Months of Life (NQF 1392)	NCQA
Indicator 4	Child and Adolescent Well-care Visits (NQF 1516)	NCQA
Indicator 5	Childhood Immunization Status (NQF 0038)	NCQA
Indicator 6	Immunizations for Adolescents (NQF 1407)	NCQA
Indicator 7	Follow-up after Emergency Department Visit for Mental Illness (NQF 3489)	NCQA
Indicator 8	Follow-up after Emergency Department Visit for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse or Dependence (NQF 3488)	NCQA
Indicator 9	Follow-up after Hospitalization for Mental Illness (NQF 0576)	NCQA
Indicator 10	Screening for Depression and Follow-up Plan (NQF 0418)	CMS
Indicator 11	Prenatal and Postpartum Care (NQF 1517) <i>Timeliness of Prenatal Care &amp; Postpartum Care</i>	NCQA
Indicator 12	Dental and Oral Health: Oral Evaluation, Dental Services (NQF 2517)	DQA

# CHP+/MCO Health Equity Plan Measures\_Rev2\_2023

Indicator	Description	Steward
Indicator 1	Core Measure NQF 1392: Well-child Visits in the First 30 Months of Life (W30-CH)	NCQA
Indicator 2	Core Measure NQF 1516: Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits (WCV-CH)	NCQA
Indicator 3	Core Measure NQF 0038: Childhood Immunization Status Combo 10	NCQA
Indicator 4	Core Measure NQF 1407: Immunizations for Adolescents Combo 2	NCQA
Indicator 5	10% increase in COVID booster vaccination rate: Children (ages 0-19)	CHP+/MCO
Indicator 6	Core Measure NQF 0576: Follow-up after Hospitalization for Mental Illness	NCQA
Indicator 7	Core Measure NQF 0418: Depression Screening and Follow-up	NCQA
Indicator 8	Core Measure NQF 1517: Timeliness of Prenatal Care (PPC-CH)	NCQA
Indicator 9	Core Measure NQF 1517: Postpartum Care (PPC-AD)	NCQA

# Proposed New Measures (SFY 24-25), Rev7\_2023

Indicator	Description	Steward
Indicator 13	Core Measure NQF 0018: Controlling High Blood Pressure	NCQA
Indicator 14	Core Measure NQF 0034: Colorectal Cancer Screening	NCQA
Indicator 15	Core Measure NQF 0032: Cervical Cancer Screening	NCQA
Indicator 16*	Core Measure NQF 0033: Chlamydia Screening in Women	NCQA
Indicator 17*	Core Measure NQF 1448: Developmental Screening in the First Three Years of Life	NCQA

\*Indicator 16 and 17 include Child Populations