



Provider Pulse

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At Wellcare By Health Net (Health Net), we focus on whole person health care solutions. Each community is unique, so we partner with local groups and public agencies to build those solutions. We invest millions of dollars in programs that address social drivers of whole health and improve outcomes for all Californians.*

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COMMUNITY

LA Community Interventions Series Begins With Focus on Black Male Mental Health

On February 28, 2025, the Los Angeles Community Intervention Court launched one of its community interventions focused on mental health in Black males. The event was hosted by the Community Champions, and included the screening of the documentary, Black Boys. A panel discussion with one of the producers followed the screening.

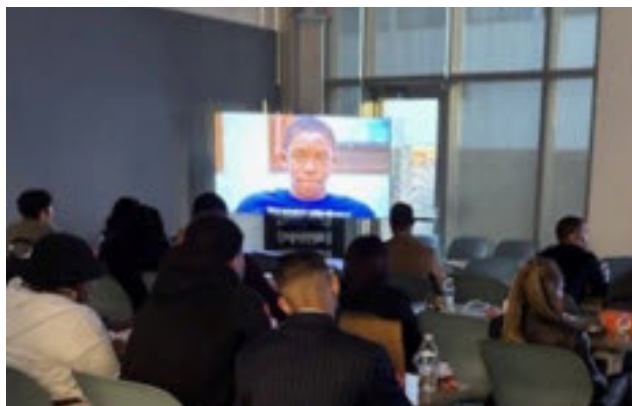
The event had a great turnout with many local members and community partners on hand. Partners such as:

- [Los Angeles Unified School District](#)
- [Children's Institute](#)
- [Westside Infant-Family Network \(WIN\)](#)
- [Los Angeles County African American Infant and Maternal Mortality Prevention Initiative \(AAIMM\)](#)

This event was the kickoff to a series of lunch and learns that focus on various aspects of mental health in Black males. The Community Champions plans to launch a second community intervention about food insecurity in the near future.



The event planning committee. Pictured left to right: WIN staff member, Vertise Suggs, Community Impact Council Champions Ebony Ogbeide, Star McBain, Dr. Brandi Eichstedt, and Health Net Sr. Health Equity Specialist, Anush Schoepf at the Black Boys Screening.



Audience watching Black Boys, which included community members and community partners from LAUSD, Children's Institute, WIN, and AAIMM.

GRANTS

More than \$9 Million in Initiatives to Expand and Strengthen California's Physician Workforce

Health Net and the Centene Foundation gave more than \$9 million to help more people become doctors in California. These grants remove roadblocks to medical school and help support current doctors.

The grants include:

- **Physicians for a Healthy California – \$3 million** to build a program that helps kids—starting in pre-K—dream of and prepare for a career as a doctor. By supporting students in early childhood, this project helps to expand the future doctor workforce. And it can help ensure California's growing residents have access to the care they need.

- **Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science – \$5 million** to provide full-tuition scholarships, financial support for medical residents, and other resources to recruit and retain future doctors. This will ensure students receive the training and support they need to deliver high-quality care.
- **National Hispanic Health Foundation – \$1.08 million** to enhance the leadership capabilities of Hispanic doctors and their understanding of current health policies through a new career development program. The program provides crucial insights into patient needs, systemic challenges and prospects for improvement.

Doctors play a pivotal role in providing informed and inclusive care. These investments in California’s physician workforce will help to shape the future of the state’s health care landscape for years to come.

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UCSF Eating Disorder Training Program Launches with Health Net Grant

With a \$100,000 grant from Health Net, the [University of California, San Francisco \(UCSF\)](#) teamed up with Violet Health. Violet is a cultural competency training platform. UCSF and Violet launched a module to teach an approach to eating disorders in primary care. The training has scaled to all of Violet Health’s partners across the nation.



MLK Community Medical Group Adds More Providers Thanks to \$3.5 Million Grant

Funds help address a shortage of doctors and other clinical staff to deliver Angelenos vital health care services for the next three years

Health Net gave **\$3.5 million** to MLK Community Medical Group to help hire more doctors and nurses in Los Angeles through 2027.

The money helps bring on:

- Two primary care doctors
- One OB/GYN
- One bilingual psychologist
- Two nurse midwives

Overall, these hires help ensure more people in underserved communities can get timely care like routine checkups, prenatal services and mental health support.

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THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Dr. Pooja Mittal Talks Health Equity on Becker’s Payer Issues Podcast

Health Net Vice President and Chief Health Equity Officer Dr. Pooja Mittal spoke on the Becker’s Payer Issues Podcast. She shared ideas about how to improve health care most specifically in under-resourced areas through Medicaid, telehealth and artificial intelligence (AI).

[Listen to the podcast](#)

LA WILDFIRES

Hope and Recovery Rise From the Ashes With Help From Health Net Donations

One hundred days after the Los Angeles area Eaton Fire began, [Health Net](#) and the [Centene Foundation](#) have committed \$1 million to help communities rebuild.

We focused the funding to support trusted local nonprofit organizations that work directly on:

- Housing assistance
- Mental health
- Health care services and
- Rebuilding critical infrastructure

"In the wake of such devastating wildfires, rebuilding our communities requires partnership, persistence and compassion," said Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger. "We're grateful to Health Net and the Centene Foundation for stepping up with this critical investment. Their support will accelerate recovery for families in need and help ensure that Los Angeles comes back stronger, safer and more resilient."

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HEALTH EQUITY

Health Net Celebrates EQulP-LA Collaborative Participants

Health Net proudly congratulates the following participants for their dedication and successful completion of the [Equity and Quality at Independent Practices in LA County \(EQulP-LA\)](#) improvement collaborative.

EQulP-LA is:

- A two-year improvement collaborative.
- Led by the California Quality Collaborative (CQC).
- Committed to advancing equitable health care and reducing care disparities faced by Medi-Cal enrollees of color.

Throughout this collaborative, providers and organizations have been supported in their mission to deliver higher-quality care through these key efforts:

- **Empowering practice coaches and communities:** Providing tools and resources to drive equitable quality improvement.
- **Patient-centered learning:** Enriching the collaborative curriculum with real-life patient experiences to shape better care outcomes.
- **Focusing on chronic disease management:** Developing strategic solutions to improve care quality in chronic disease management, with a focus on diabetes, hypertension, and colorectal cancer screening.
- **Enhancing primary care skills:** Strengthening abilities to deliver consistent high-quality primary care.

We extend our sincere gratitude for your participation in this critical program and for helping to drive meaningful change in our communities.

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- Clinica del Socorro Medical Group
- Ardmore Medical Group Inc.



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