# **HEALTH EQUITY COLLABORATIVE 2021 HIGHLIGHTS**

The Health Equity Collaborative (HEC) is a coalition comprised of 34 national public health, patient advocacy, civil rights, and multicultural organizations that are centered around supporting equity and combatting disparities experienced by underserved communities.



# **Congressional & Administration Engagement:**

HEC educated key policymakers on a variety of health equity issues through a series of virtual roundtables with a focus on direct engagement of the Congressional Tri-Caucus leadership and Biden Administration officials.

- LD, Rep. Chu (CAPAC Chair)
- LD, Rep. Ruiz (CHC Chair)
- Health Policy Advisor of Rep. Espaillat (CHC Vice Chair)
- LD, Office of Rep. Nanette Barragan (CHC Vice Chair)
- LD, Rep. Lawrence (CBC Vice Chair)
- Sr. Policy Advisor, Rep. Beatty (CBC Chair)
- Health LA, Rep. Horsford (CBC Vice Chair)
- Health LA, Rep. Adams (Black Maternal Caucus Chair)
- · Director, Office of Minority Health, CMS
- · Director, Office of Minority Health, HHS
- Sr. Policy Advisor, Office of the Secretary, HHS



### Signature Events & Projects:

Policy Briefing Webinar with Keynote Remarks by the Honorable Rep. Bobby Rush (D-IL)



Bilingual COVID-19 Tele-Townhall Series: Total Listenership 30-40k



COVID-19 Vaccine Education Virtual Coalition Event Featuring Pope Francis



# **Press Coverage & Media:**







hires and news on K Street.

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#### **Coalition Activities:**

HEC continued to serve as a primary convener on pro-equity coalition efforts in 2021 including the Health Equity Guidelines for the 117th Congress and Biden Administration as well as maintained support for member's advocacy initiative.









# **Blog Posts & Policy Statements:**

Momnibus Act Protects And Support Black Mothers

February 24, 2021

How will Congressional Attempts to Lower Drug Prices Impact Underserved Communities?

April 27, 2021

Passengers With Disabilities Still Fly Unfriendly Skies

June 2, 2021

Fighting The Mental Health Stigma Faced By Aapi Communities

June 15, 2021

To Achieve Health Equity, Lawmakers Must Point 340 Back In The Right Direction

June 15, 2021

Health Equity Legislative & Regulatory Roundup

September 22, 2021

# **New Member Organizations:**









# **Upcoming Activities:**

- White Paper, "Diversity and Inclusion in Healthcare Research and Access" (December 2021)
- White Paper, "Drivers of Rising Health Care Costs and their Impact on Vulnerable Populations" (January 2022)
- Panel Discussion at SXSW 2022 Conference, "Health Equity: Ending Racism in the US Health Care System (March 2022)