Advancing Equity in 2022: Administrative Priorities and What’s Next on the Legislative Landscape

April 12, 2022
Today’s Agenda

- Overview of FUSA Health Equity Task Force’s 2022 Legislative & Administrative Priorities
- State of Play: Funding & Appropriations
- Calls to Action
Legislative Priorities

• Make historic investments to end the maternal health crisis: Congress should pass key provisions of the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act, including those portions of the bill that passed the House as part of the Build Back Better Act in December 2021.

• Fund community health worker (CHW) workforce legislation.

• Expand the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) to include an equity focus.

• Fund Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)’s Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) program.
Administrative Priorities

Incorporating Equity into Payment Models & Measures

- Incorporate equity into **quality measures**.
- Implement **pediatric models** in CMMI.
- Implement **culturally and linguistically appropriate services (CLAS) standards** in CMMI.
- Develop a **core health equity measure set**.
- Develop protocols for using **disaggregated data**.
- Publish **ARPA reports** to ensure transparency in equitable funding.
House and Senate on recess for two weeks

State of the COVID supplemental funding

March Omnibus FY22 Appropriations bill – Govt. funding through September 30, 2022

Secretary Becerra visited the Hill last week

Informal conversations around BBB
Calls to Action

• April 11th – 17th is **Black Maternal Health Week!**

• **Letter to Biden Administration Regarding Medicaid Redeterminations**
  *Sign-On Opportunity*
  **Deadline: 5pm ET on Friday 4/15**

• RFI on Access to Care and Coverage for People Enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP
  **Deadline: 5pm ET on Monday 4/18**
Upcoming Health Justice Now! Webinars

- **Community Voice And Equitable Policymaking: Lessons Learned From COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution**
  *Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 1-2pm ET*

  *Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 1-2:30pm ET*

- **Elevating Community Voices Webinar – Community Voices: How State Policymakers Can Advance Health Equity**
  *Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 1-2pm ET*
Thank You!