



California Pan-Ethnic Health Network

Health Equity and the ACA

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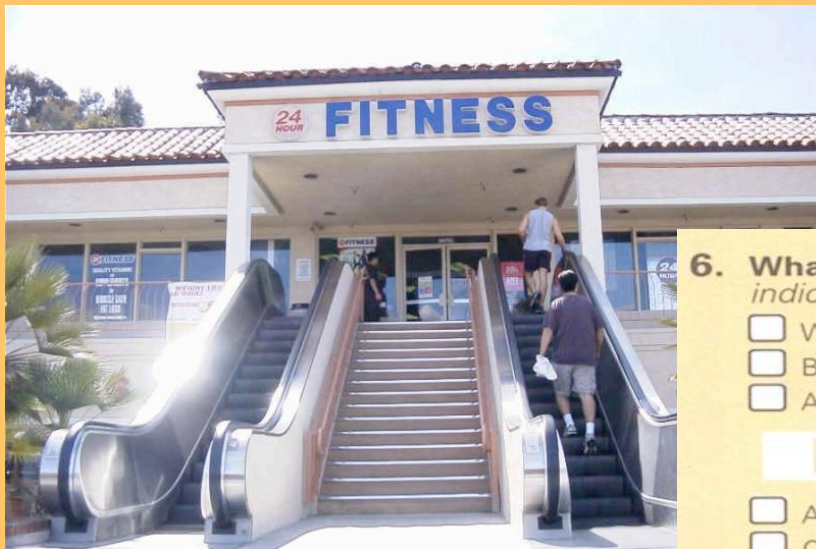
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Eliminating Health Disparities

IMPORTANTE: Puede obtener la ayuda de un interprete o ayuda de un interprete o preguntar acerca de informacion XXX-XXX-XXXX. Alguien que habla español puede llamar al 1-800-927-4357. (Spanish)

重要提示: 您與您的醫生或保險公司交流資料，請先致電您的保險公司，電話號碼為XXX-XXX-XXXX。如需更多協助，請致電保險部熱線 1-800-927-4357。



6. What is this person's race? Mark one or more races to indicate what this person considers himself/herself to be.

- White
- Black, African Am., or Negro
- American Indian or Alaska Native — Print name of enrolled or principal tribe. ↗

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> Korean | <input type="checkbox"/> Guamanian or Chamorro |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino | <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese | <input type="checkbox"/> Samoan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian — Print race. ↗ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Pacific Islander — Print race. ↗ | |

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Multicultural Health Issues in the News

- Sacramento County Announces November Launch of LIHP
- CalPERS OKs Long-Term Care Rate Hike, Creation of Alternative Program
- Health IT Chief To Look Into Use of EHRs To Inflation



Who We Are

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Celebrating 20 years as a champion for health equity

UPCOMING EVENT

Equity and the Election: Looking at the Future of Health in California

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Race and Ethnicity in California

- Majority is made up of minorities:
 - Hispanic/Latino 37.6%
 - Asian 12.8%
 - African American 5.8%
 - American Indian/Alaska Native 0.4%
 - Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander 0.3%
 - White 40.1%

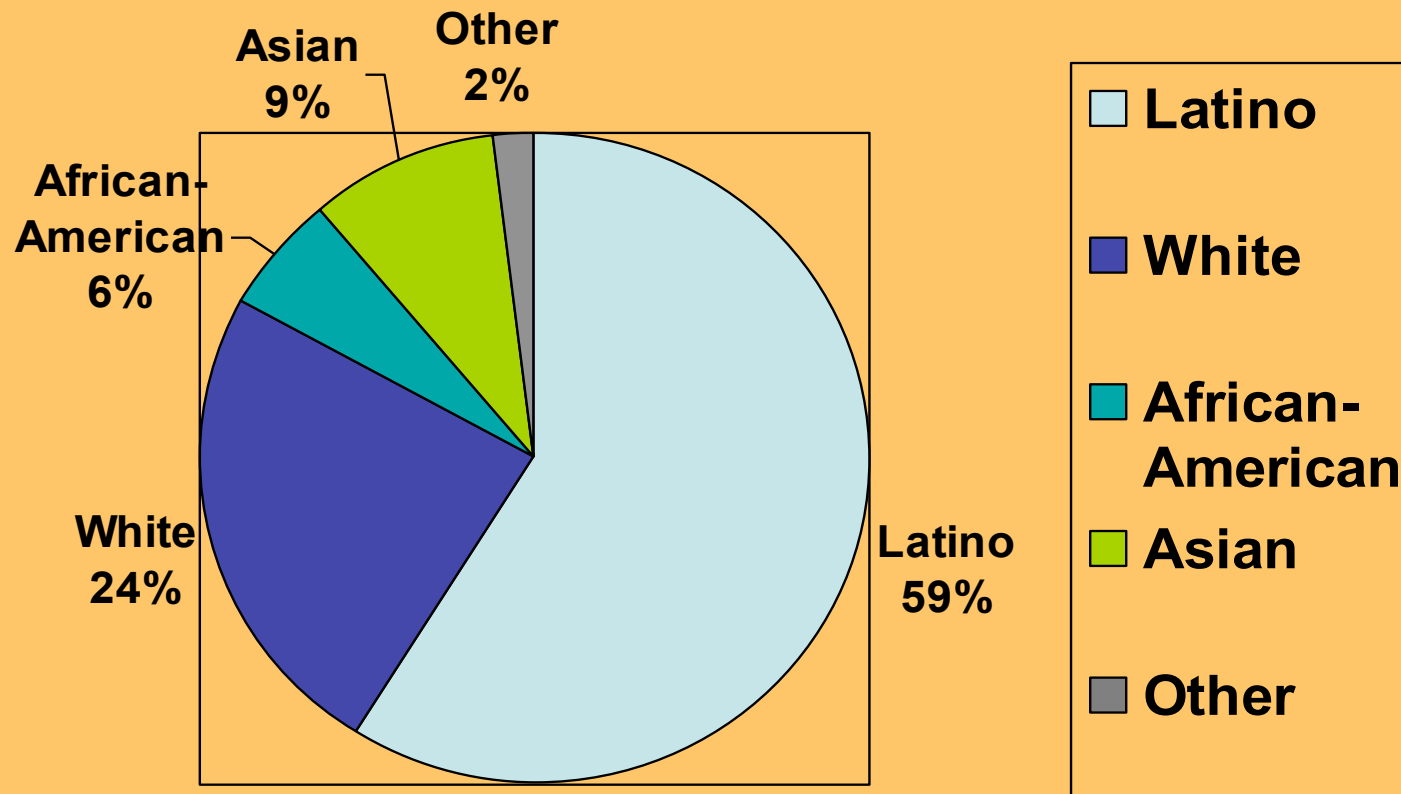
Language Needs in California

- 40% of Californians speak a language other than English
 - Spanish 25.8%
 - Chinese 2.6%
 - Vietnamese 1.3%
 - Tagalog 2.0%

Communities of Color and the Affordable Care Act

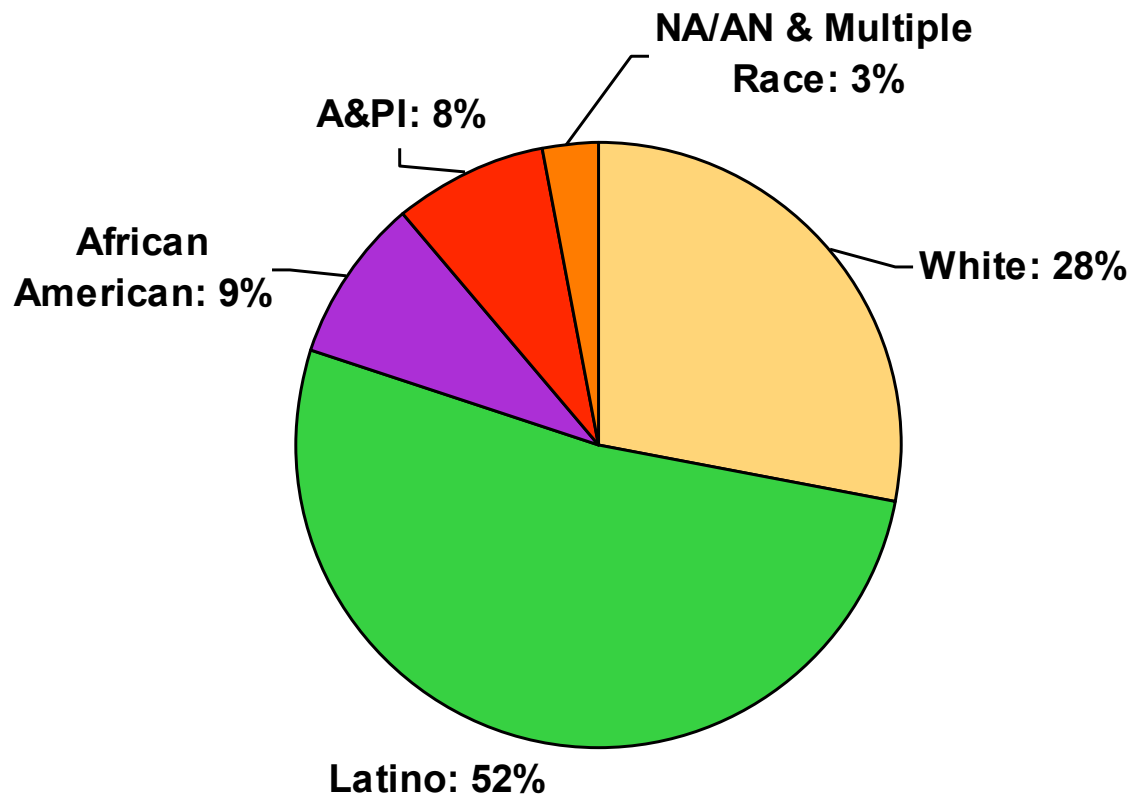
California's Uninsured

- Nearly three-quarters (74%) of California's uninsured are from communities of color



Medi-Cal Expansion

- Of the 4.1 million nonelderly adults, 72% (~3 million) will be people of color (2013)



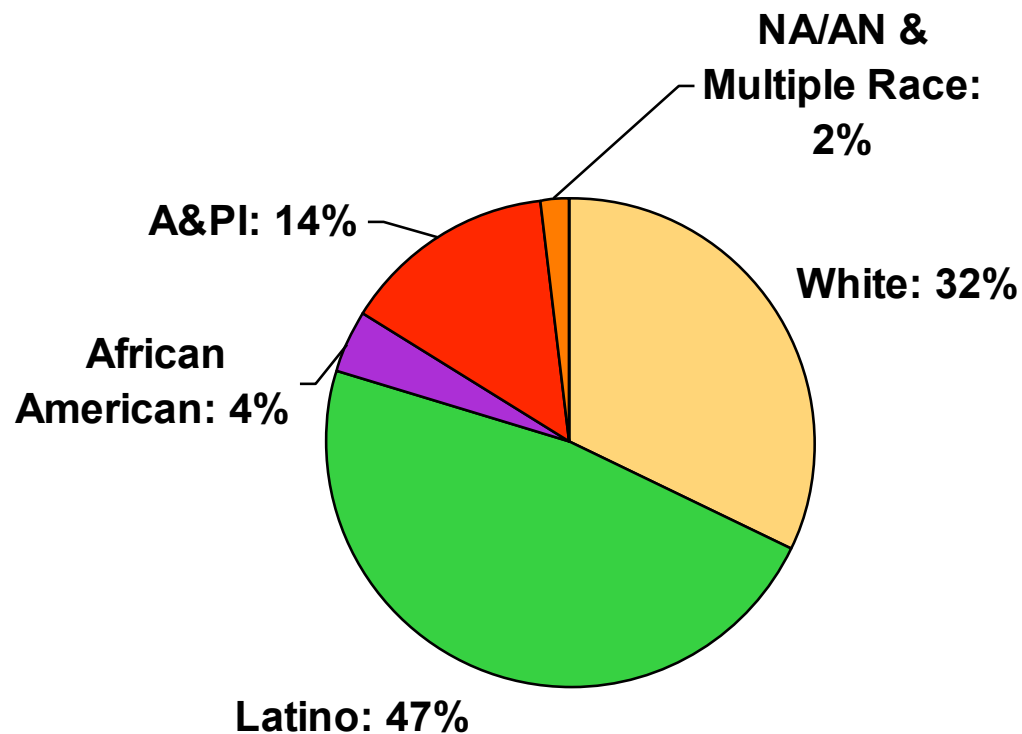
Medi-Cal Expansion

- Of the 4.1 million nonelderly adults, 36% (~1.5 million) will speak English less than very well (2019)

| Spanish | Chinese | Vietnamese | Korean | Other Asian Languages | Other non-Asian Languages |
|-----------|---------|------------|--------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1,291,008 | 94,464 | 47,232 | 31,488 | 15,744 | 94,464 |

Health Benefit Exchange

- Of the 2.6 million eligible for tax credits, 67% (~1.73 million) will be people of color (2013)



Health Benefit Exchange

- Of the 2.6 million eligible for tax credits, 40% (~1.06 million) will speak English less than very well (2019)

| Spanish | Chinese | Vietnamese | Korean | Other Asian Languages | Other non-Asian Languages |
|---------|---------|------------|--------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 355,000 | 31,000 | 13,000 | 9,000 | 4,000 | 31,000 |

Achieving Equity by Building a Bridge from Eligible to Enrolled

- Of the 1.06 LEP eligible for the Exchange:
 - 53% are predicted to enroll by 2019 IF language was not a barrier
 - If language IS a barrier, take-up is predicted at 42%
- **Difference of 110,000 LEP patients**

Promotes Health Equity

- Improved and standardized collection of race, ethnicity, and primary language data in public programs
- Establishes Offices of Minority Health (OMH) in federal agencies
- Requires Exchanges to provide linguistically appropriate information
- Permanently reauthorizes the Indian Health Improvement Act

Promotes Prevention

- Establishes the Prevention and Public Health Fund
 - Community Transformation Grants
 - Workforce Diversity
- Requires Medicare & private insurers to provide free preventive services
- Requires nutrition labeling for large restaurant chains
- Establishes a National Prevention, Health Promotion and Public Health Council

State Implementation Efforts

State Implementation Bills 2010

- Strengthens cultural and linguistic requirements

- **AB 1602 (Perez)**

- SEC. 7. Section 100503 (y) The Board shall “ensure that the Exchange provides oral interpretation services in any language for individuals seeking coverage through the Exchange...[and] written information made available by the Exchange is made available in prevalent languages.”
 - SEC. 6. Section 100502 (l) Navigators shall “provide information in a manner that is culturally and linguistically appropriate to the needs of the population being served by the Exchange.”

- Requires racial, ethnic, and geographic diversity of Health Benefit Exchange Board of Directors

- **SB 900 (Alquist/Steinberg)**

- 100500. (e) “The composition of the five-member board “shall reflect the cultural, ethnic and geographical diversity of the state.”

State Implementation Bills 2011

- Eligibility and Enrollment
 - AB 1296 (Bonilla)**
 - Translates enrollment forms into the 13 Medi-Cal Managed Care threshold languages
 - Enacts a stakeholder process to decide how race, ethnicity and language data will be collected
- Consumer Assistance
 - AB 922 (Monning)**
 - Creates a new office of consumer assistance
 - Guarantees culturally and linguistically appropriate assistance
 - Requires the state to contract with non-profits to provide assistance

State Implementation Bills Introduced 2012

- Implementing the Medi-Cal Expansion
 - AB 43 (Monning): Ensures California is ready to enroll newly eligible individuals into Medi-Cal in 2014
- Integrating Applications for Health & Social Services
 - SB 970 (DeLeon): Streamlines applications for individuals interested in public programs, facilitating the "no wrong door" approach
- Pre-enrollment in State Exchanges:
 - AB 714 (Bonilla): Pre-enrolls those who have an existing linkage with a limited public benefits program such as Family PACT and AIM, those aging off of coverage, etc.

Low Income Health Program

- County health program for low-income adults not currently eligible for Medi-Cal
- 47 counties are participating; 7 applications are currently pending; 2 counties withdrew.
- As of February: 337,000 adults enrolled
 - 84% below 133% Federal Poverty Level
 - Over 60% are people of color: Latino: 32%; API: 18%; African American: 12%; White: 22%
- Transition to other health options beginning in October 2013

Health Benefit Exchange

- Customer Service and Education via Web Portal (English and Spanish)
- Forms, Notifications, and Interactive Voice Response in 13 Medi-Cal Managed Care threshold languages
- Development of outreach, marketing, and education campaign
 - Focus groups in English, Spanish and some Asian languages
 - \$40 million for grants to community organizations to conduct outreach
- Qualified Health Plans identify and address disparities

Challenges

- Health Benefit Exchange
 - Affordability
 - Enrollment
 - Sustainability
- Sustainability of our safety-net
- State Budget
 - Ongoing deficit
 - 2/3^{rds} Vote Requirement to Raise Revenues



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