



MHPA Statement on the Death of George Floyd, Discrimination and Racism in the U.S.

Medicaid Health Plans of America's (MHPA) staff members issued the following statement on the death of George Floyd which has resulted in widespread protests across the country:

"We are outraged by the murder of George Floyd and the many other violations faced daily by African Americans and people of color. We join and celebrate the many voices of peaceful protest, who in recent days, have reawakened our nation to the plight of communities of color by demanding justice and equality under the law.

"We also recognize America's health care system is no stranger to discrimination and racism, and more needs to be done immediately to help stop this injustice. Many Medicaid beneficiaries are people of color and face difficult obstacles in their daily lives as well as different challenges in accessing quality, affordable health care. Medicaid health plans acutely understand that communities of color are disproportionately and negatively impacted by the social determinants of health — access to safe and stable housing, quality food and nutrition, and employment, among many others — and are uniquely positioned to holistically address our members' needs.

"Our member health plans have always been committed to addressing racial disparities in the delivery of health care services, and they have a history of rising up to address these challenges in their local communities. Some examples include:

- [UnitedHealth Group Announces Support for Minneapolis-St. Paul in Response to George Floyd Tragedy and Civil Unrest](#)
- [Gateway Health Plan Debuts Its Wholecare Brand Platform, Plans to Donate More Than \\$1 Million to Address Social Determinants of Health](#)
- [Centene Corporation: Case Study: Ferguson](#)
- [UPMC Health Plan Announces New Social Impact Initiative to Help Address the Social Determinants of Health](#)
- [Horizon BCBS of NJ: Committed to advance the causes of equality and justice](#)
- [AIDS Health Care Foundation Unveils New National #StandAgainstHate Campaign](#)

"As an association, we are committed to helping improve our society, challenging the status quo, and collaborating with other national health care associations to create a brighter future for all Americans, most importantly communities of color, the disadvantaged, and the

vulnerable. We stand in support of the statements from our friends at a growing number of organizations speaking out, including but not limited to:

- [America's Essential Hospitals](#)
- [Association of Clinicians for the Underserved](#)
- [Association of State and Territorial Health Officials](#)
- [Catholic Health Association](#)
- [National Association of Medicaid Directors](#)
- [National Association of Community Health Centers](#)
- [National Council for Behavioral Health](#)

"We know that Black Lives Matter."

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Founded in 1995, the Medicaid Health Plans of America (MHPA) represents the interests of the Medicaid managed care industry through advocacy and research to support innovative policy solutions that enhance the delivery of comprehensive, cost-effective, and quality health care for Medicaid enrollees. MHPA works on behalf of its 90+ member health plans, known as managed care organizations (MCOs), which serve approximately 23 million Medicaid enrollees in 37 states, or about one-third of all Medicaid beneficiaries in states with managed care delivery systems. MHPA's members include both for-profit and non-profit, national and regional, as well as single-state health plans that compete in the Medicaid market. www.medicaidplans.org | [@MHPA](#)