



# Leveraging Data to Better Understand and Address Disparities in Diabetes and Vascular Care

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# MNCM empowers health care decision makers with meaningful data to drive improvement.

## What we do



Multi-stakeholder  
convening



Measure  
developer



Data collection,  
validation



Public  
transparency

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## How MNMCM data are used



Quality  
improvement



Benchmarking



Value-based  
payment



Reducing  
disparities



Research  
partnerships



# TODAY'S PRESENTATION



**Project Background** – *Julie Sonier*



**Data Analysis & Key Findings** – *Jess Donovan & Trisha Brinkhaus*



**Strategies for Medicaid and Other Stakeholders** – *Dr. Nathan Chomilo*



**Audience Q&A**



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# PROJECT GOALS

For patients who are Asian, Black, Indigenous/Native, and Hispanic/Latinx:



**Understand the drivers of disparities** in optimal diabetes and vascular care



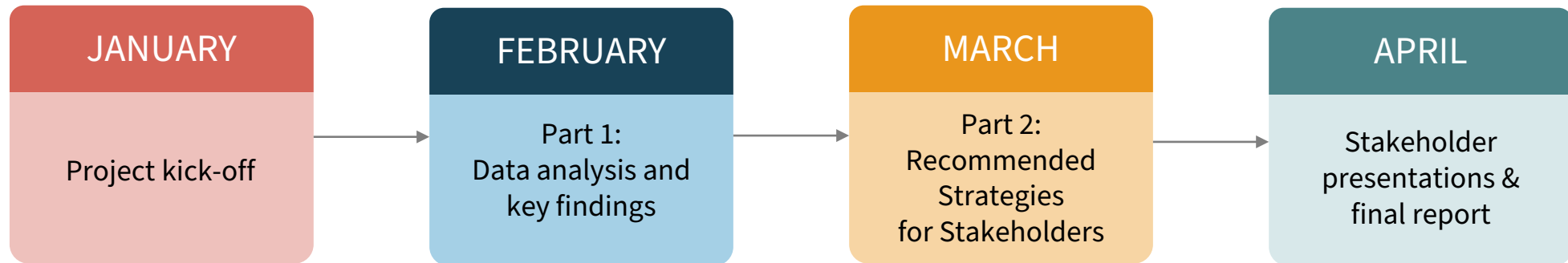
**Determine the best way to present actionable data** to inform strategies to reduce disparities



**Identify data-driven strategies** to help target the root causes of disparities



# PROJECT ROADMAP & TIMELINE



# DATA ANALYSIS APPROACH



**Three years of data – focused on care delivered in 2018-2020**

*2020: 281,000 for ODC and 156,000 for OVC*



**Data collected and validated from medical groups in Minnesota**

*2020: 88 reporting for ODC and 86 reporting for OVC*



**Includes high quality data on race, ethnicity, language, country of origin**

*2020: 97% best practice and >90% completeness in both measures*



# ABOUT THE MEASURES

## OPTIMAL DIABETES CARE

The percentage of patients 18-75 years of age who had a diagnosis of type 1 or type 2 diabetes and whose diabetes was optimally managed during the measurement period as defined by achieving all of the following:



HbA1c < 8.0 mg/dL



BP < 140/90



Tobacco-free



On statin  
medication  
(unless allowed  
contraindication)



If ischemic vascular  
disease, on daily  
aspirin or antiplatelet  
(unless allowed  
contraindication)

## OPTIMAL VASCULAR CARE

The percentage of patients 18-75 years of age who had a diagnosis of ischemic vascular disease (IVD) and whose IVD was optimally managed during the measurement period as defined by achieving all of the following:



BP < 140/90



Tobacco-free



On statin  
medication  
(unless allowed  
contraindication)



On daily aspirin or  
antiplatelet  
(unless allowed  
contraindication)

# COMPONENTS OF ANALYSES

**1** Statewide analysis

**2** Race/Ethnicity

**3** Insurance product

**4** Geography

## INTERSECTIONAL FACTORS

- Age
- Geography
- Race
- Ethnicity
- Language
- Country of Origin
- Insurance Type
- Social Vulnerability



# STATEWIDE ANALYSIS

Results by Race/Ethnicity  
*Example: Optimal Diabetes Care*

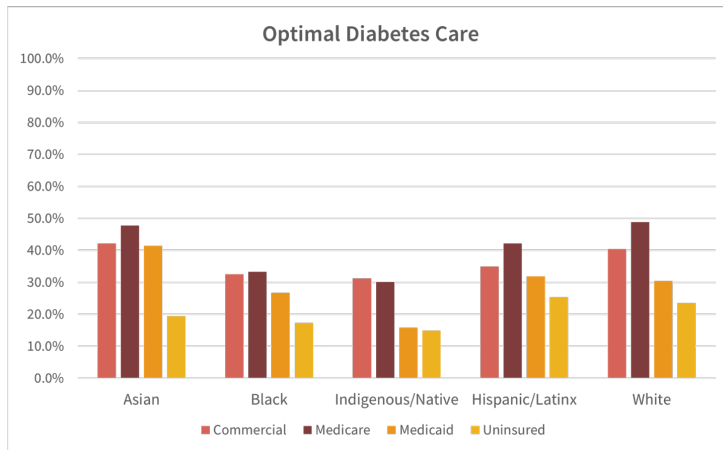
RACE/ETHNICITY	NUMBER OF PATIENTS			COMPOSITE RATE		
	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
Asian	11,638	12,560	13,010	47.6%	48.6%	42.4%
Black	21,970	23,162	24,294	33.7%	35.0%	29.6%
Indigenous/ Native	3,783	3,846	4,087	25.0%	26.7%	23.3%
Hispanic/Latinx	11,692	12,067	12,944	36.5%	37.7%	33.2%
White	214,629	215,888	220,688	46.6%	47.0%	42.3%
<b>STATEWIDE</b>	<b>271,491</b>	<b>278,033</b>	<b>280,915</b>	<b>44.9%</b>	<b>45.4%</b>	<b>40.5%</b>



# EXPANDING ANALYSIS

Example: Optimal Diabetes Care

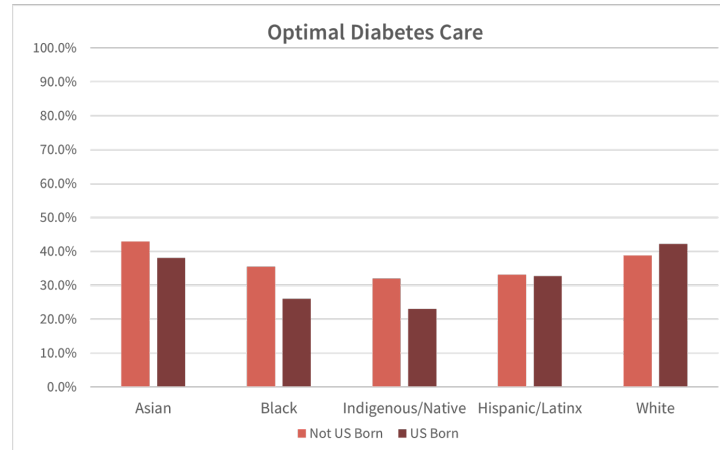
## BY INSURANCE PRODUCT



### STATEWIDE RATES

**39.7%** Commercial  
**47.7%** Medicare  
**30.3%** Medicaid  
**22.5%** Uninsured

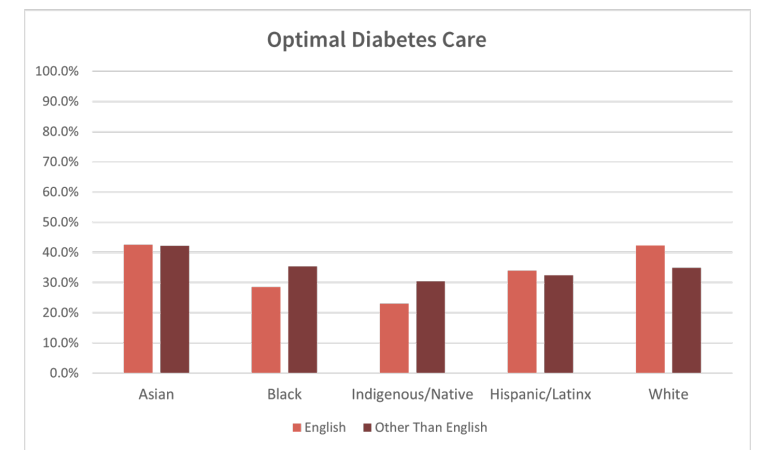
## BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN



### STATEWIDE RATES

**38.3%** Not U.S.-born  
**40.6%** U.S.-born

## BY PREFERRED LANGUAGE



### STATEWIDE RATES

**40.8%** English  
**36.8%** Other than English



# GEOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

## HISTORIC APPROACH and limitations

- 3-digit Zip code analysis
- Results generate small numbers
- Prevented publication of results for some geographies



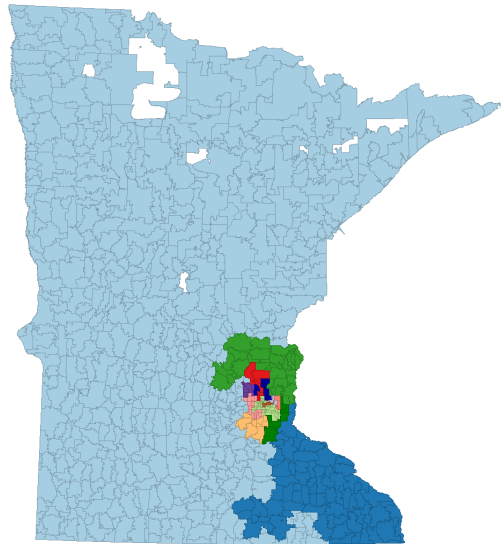
## EXPANDED APPROACH

- Defines regions as granular as possible while protecting patient privacy
- Ensures regions are large enough to produce valid results
- Provides deeper insights for region and population specific interventions



# RACE AND ETHNICITY SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHIC AREAS

## Optimal Diabetes Care Asian patients



Region	Rate for Asian Patients	Region	Rate for Asian Patients
1	45.0%	8	46.0%
2	46.9%	9	43.8%
3	42.1%	10	45.2%
4	45.0%	11	34.6%
5	46.7%	12	39.1%
6	39.0%	13	35.2%
7	47.3%	14	37.4%

- Map shows distribution of Asian patients
- A minimum of five percent of the patients lives in each of the regions shown
- Table provides Optimal Diabetes Care results by region for Asian patients

# KEY FINDINGS

## Asian patients Optimal Diabetes Care

Compared to statewide average:



Significantly higher rates of:

- Optimal Diabetes Care
- Being tobacco-free
- Statin use



Significantly lower rate of HbA1c control

## AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY

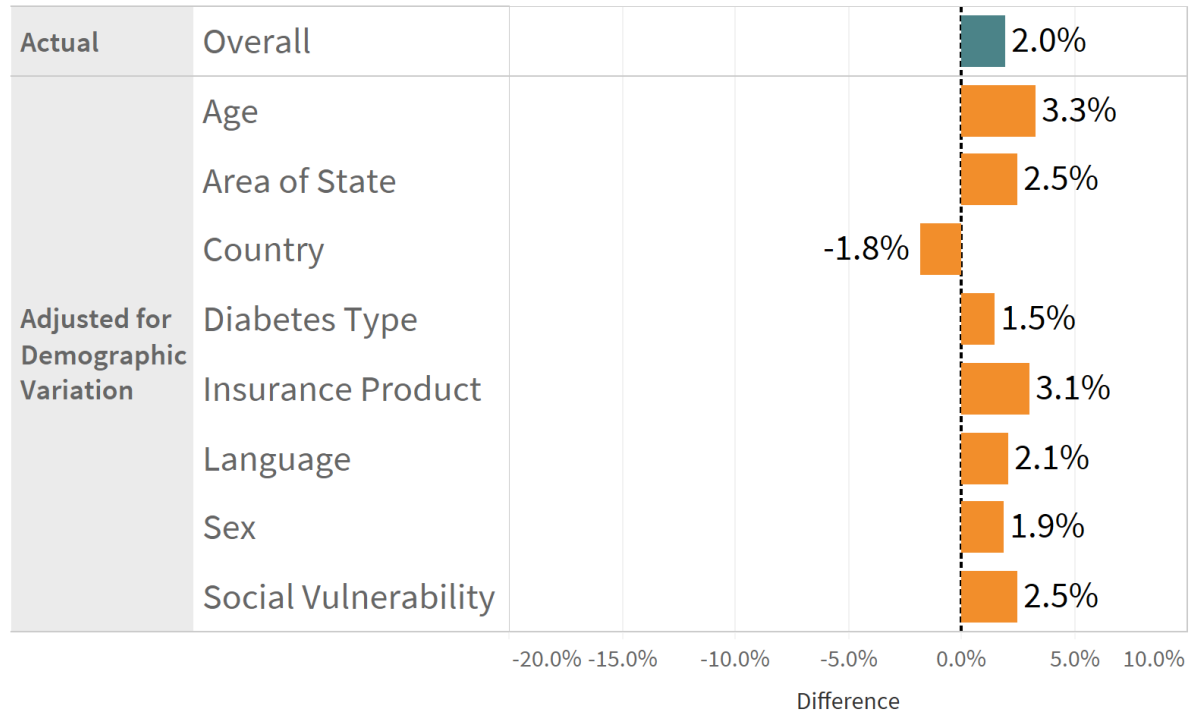
Among Asian patients, the rates of **HbA1c control** is significantly lower for:

- U.S.-born compared to non-U.S. born
- Non-English speakers compared to English-speakers
- Patients living in St. Paul compared to overall average for Asian patients



# DEMOGRAPHIC IMPACT

Asian patients  
Optimal Diabetes Care





# KEY FINDINGS

## Black patients Optimal Diabetes Care

Compared to statewide average:



Significantly lower rates of:

- Optimal Diabetes Care
- HbA1c control
- Blood pressure control
- Being tobacco-free
- Statin use

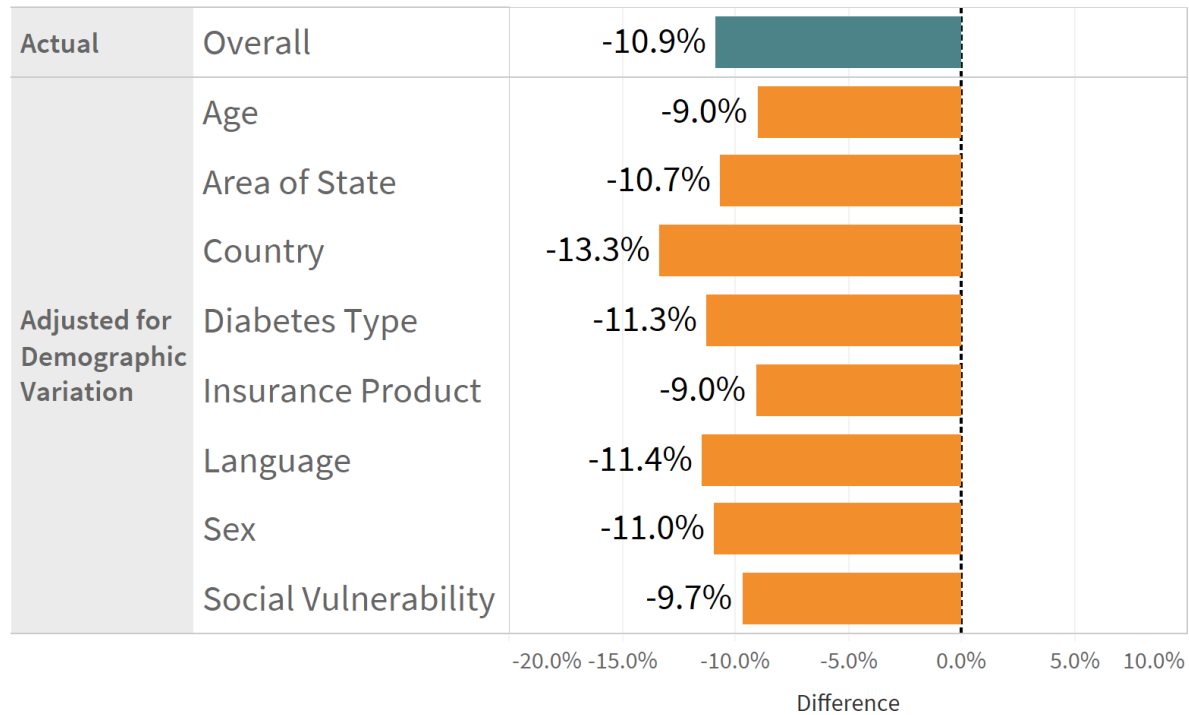
## AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY

Among Black patients:

- The rate of **HbA1c control** is significantly lower for Type 1 diabetes compared to Type 2
- The rates of **blood pressure control** is significantly lower for:
  - U.S.-born compared to non-U.S. born
  - Non-English speakers compared to English-speakers

# DEMOGRAPHIC IMPACT

Black patients  
Optimal Diabetes Care



# KEY FINDINGS

## Indigenous/Native patients Optimal Diabetes Care

Compared to statewide average:



Significantly lower rates of:

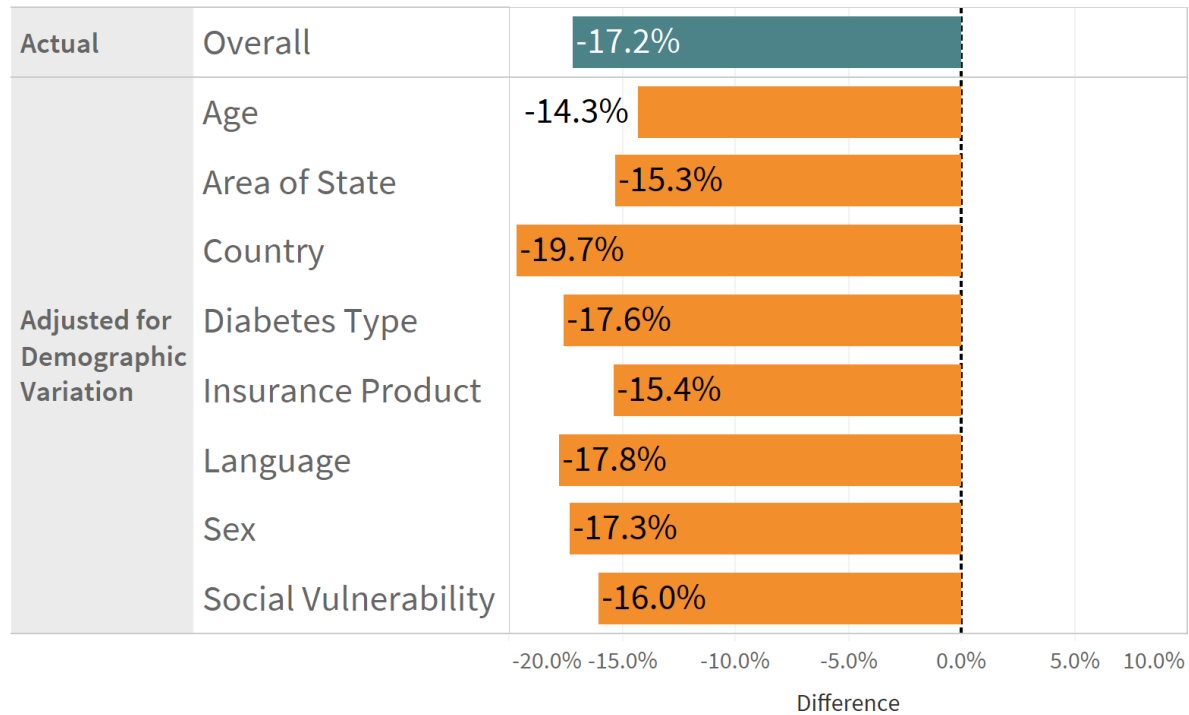
- Optimal Diabetes Care
- HbA1c control
- Being tobacco-free
- Statin use

## AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY

Among Indigenous/Native patients, the rates of **HbA1c control** and **being tobacco-free** are significantly lower than statewide average for almost all subpopulations

# DEMOGRAPHIC IMPACT

Indigenous/Native patients  
Optimal Diabetes Care



# KEY FINDINGS

Hispanic/Latinx patients  
Optimal Diabetes Care

Compared to statewide average:



Significantly lower rates of:

- Optimal Diabetes Care
- HbA1c control
- Statin use

## AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY

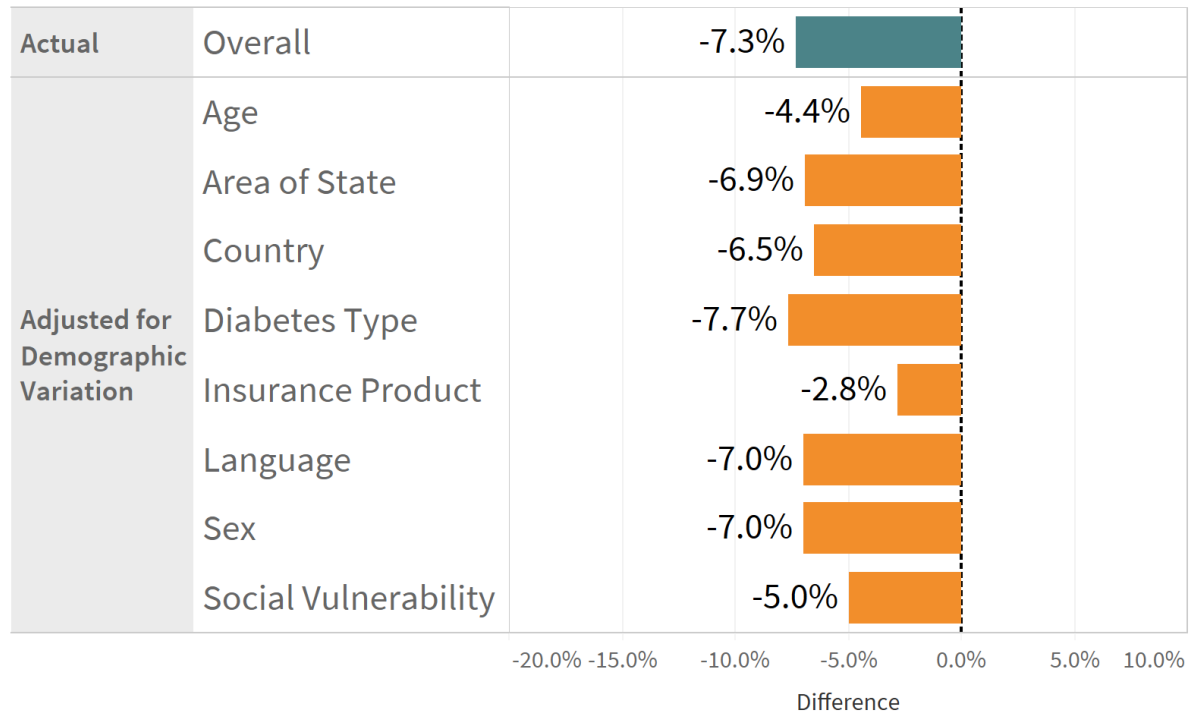
Among Hispanic/Latinx patients:

- The rate of **HbA1c control** is significantly lower for:
  - Both U.S.-born and those born outside the U.S. compared to statewide average
  - Both English-speakers and non-English speakers compared to statewide average
- The rate of **statin use** is significantly lower for:
  - Non-English speakers compared to statewide average
  - Patients born outside of the U.S. compared to statewide average



# DEMOGRAPHIC IMPACT

Hispanic/Latinx patients  
Optimal Diabetes Care



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## THE CHARGE

- ✓ Provide guidance to ensure project achieved goals
- ✓ Recommend how to translate analysis into action to address systemic racism and inequity

## PRIORITIZATION FRAMEWORK





# STRATEGIES FRAMEWORK

WHO	WHAT						
	Data and analysis	Payment models	Policy	Insurance coverage/benefits	Patient education, engagement	Supports for individuals	Supports for communities
Health care providers							
Health plans							
Medicaid/state policy makers							
Federal policy makers							
Employers/ health care purchasers							
Public health							
Tribal organizations							
Community organizations							
Social services organizations							
Regional collaboratives (MNCM, Stratis Health)							



# STAKEHOLDER SPECIFIC STRATEGIES



HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS



PUBLIC HEALTH



HEALTH PLANS



MEDICAID/STATE POLICY MAKERS



TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS



SOCIAL SERVICES



COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS



EMPLOYERS/PURCHASERS



REGIONAL COLLABORATIVES

- Are the strategies actionable and feasible?
- What impact will they have?
- What are the top priorities likely to make the most difference?



# STAKEHOLDER SPECIFIC STRATEGIES



## HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

- Collect social determinants of health (SDOH) data to better analyze impact on chronically ill patients.
- Provide culturally responsive care (e.g., diabetes self-management education with culturally appropriate food recommendations).
- Partner with communities to gain understanding of culture embedded in communities.



## HEALTH PLANS

- Change pay-for-performance program goals from hitting improvement targets overall for measures to reducing disparities within those measures, as measured at the contract level.
- Drive grant making activities based on SDOH issues identified. Co-develop interventions with community organizations to reduce disparities and address SDOH needs.
- Work with health plan members who have been identified with care gaps to connect with their provider or connect them to a provider, if they do not have one. Assist members to obtain appointments as appropriate.



## MEDICAID/STATE POLICY MAKERS

- Provide funding for community-based resources and other social needs interventions (e.g., housing, food, broadband, etc.).
- Include funding/payment for community organizations to address SDOH needs.
- Payment reform and include community health worker reimbursement in more robust ways.



# STAKEHOLDER SPECIFIC STRATEGIES



## EMPLOYERS/PURCHASERS

- Support wholistic care that includes addressing SDOH needs.
- Make patient engagement easy/accessible and include as work time.
- Require health plans to support activities to address SDOH needs.



## PUBLIC HEALTH

- Link MNMCM data with public health and other data sources to give broader picture.
- Partner with communities to gain understanding of culture embedded in communities.
- Provide population-level education on access, resources, etc.



## TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Data provided to tribal organizations should include breakdowns of data by tribes and differences between populations living on tribal land.
- Develop and fund ways to increase staffing from Indigenous/Native populations to serve tribal populations.
- Payment reform and include community health worker reimbursement in more robust ways.



## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- Utilize data specific to the organization (e.g., who is served, how their services can make an impact, etc.).
- Utilize geographically-based linkages to public health and other community organizations to use data to make collective decisions around health activities in the community.
- Seek funding/payments necessary for community organizations to address SDOH needs.



# STAKEHOLDER SPECIFIC STRATEGIES



## SOCIAL SERVICES

- Provide intentional linkages with health systems around food, housing and other SDOH access.
- Utilize data specific to the organization (e.g., who is served, how their services can make an impact, etc.).
- Seek funding/payments necessary for social service organizations to address SDOH needs.



## REGIONAL COLLABORATIVES

- Use data to identify organizations that are doing well at closing health equity gaps and engage them to share promising practices.
- Provide statewide analytics on social needs so that we can target social resources appropriately.
- Require representation from populations being impacted by disparities in all efforts at the policy level.



# PRIORITY STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS HEALTH DISPARITIES



## Data

Access to data, especially SDOH data, to inform decisions on collective actions, funding of interventions, and evaluation of strategies



## Community-informed Interventions

Using data, stakeholders can develop community-informed interventions and identify the resources available within communities to address SDOH needs



## Collaboration

In order for strategies to be successful, it is imperative that collaboration and partnerships occur across stakeholders and within communities most impacted by disparities and social disadvantage

# Leveraging Data to Understand and Address Disparities in Vascular and Diabetes Care

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# APPENDICES

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