Towards an Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Health Agenda

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Overview

- Expansion of Health Care Coverage
- Language Access
- Improving Data on AA and NHPI Health
Access to Health Care

- Insurance coverage
- Immigrant status
Figure 2

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<td>Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander</td>
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SOURCE: KFF and Urban Institute estimates
Figure 4


NOTE: “3rd Plus Generation” includes Individuals who reported their and their parents’ country of birth as the US.
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Figure 5
Percent of Nonelderly Adults with No Usual Source of Care by Health Insurance Status, Asian and Pacific Islander vs. White Non-Hispanic 2004-2006

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<td>NHPI and Other Asian*</td>
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Fair and Poor Health Status Among Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Adults, 2004-2006

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SOURCE: KFF and Urban Institute estimates
More than a third of the Asian American population speaks English less than very well;

A majority of six Asian American subgroups are LEP: Vietnamese (61%), Hmong (58%), Cambodian (53%), Laotian (52%), Bangladeshi (52%) and Taiwanese (51%); and

More than one out of three Koreans, Chinese, Thai, Indonesians, and Malaysians speak English less than very well.
Language access issues

- Enforcement of civil rights laws
- Resources to pay for interpreters
- Interpreter certification
- Supply of qualified interpreters for AA and NHPI languages
- Supply of bilingual health professionals
Citizenship Status, 2004-2006

Asian

- 10% Non-Citizen 12+ yrs
- 9% Non-Citizen 6-11 yrs
- 13% Non-Citizen <6 yrs
- 33% Native Citizen
- 36% Naturalized Citizen

Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

- 8% Non-Citizen 12+ yrs
- 10% Non-Citizen 6-11 yrs
- 4% Non-Citizen <6 yrs
- 19% Native Citizen
- 63% Naturalized Citizen
Nonelderly Health Coverage by Citizenship Status, 2004-2006
Immigrant status issues

- Eliminating the 5 year waiting period for lawfully residing immigrants for Medicaid
- Citizenship Documentation
- Undocumented
- Pacific Islanders
Lack of data

- Data is not collected
- Data statistically unreliable
- Data not analyzed due to small sample size
Data Policy Recommendations

- Collect data minimally disaggregated by 1997 OMB revised standard, also include data on primary language spoken
- Surveys need translation into languages spoken by AA and NHPI
- Methods need to be developed to address sample size issues, e.g. oversampling, pooling, bridging datasets
- Support increased appropriations for the National Center for Health Statistics
What’s happened so far?

- Children’s health insurance reauthorization
- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (stimulus)
- President’s budget
Children’s Health Insurance Program

- Covered 4 million additional children
- Included Immigrant Children’s Health Improvement Act
- Included enhanced federal matching rate for language services
- Included funds for outreach for enrollment including community health workers
- Extended citizenship documentation to CHIP
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

- Includes funds for HIT: data standards will include race, ethnicity, gender and language
- Temporary enhanced federal match for Medicaid
- COBRA subsidies
- Funds for Comparative Effectiveness Research
- Prevention and wellness fund
President’s budget

- Budget lays out the President’s priorities for federal programs, education, health care and energy efficiency
- Includes a reserve fund of over $630 billion to fund health care reform
  - Changes to tax law
  - Changes to Medicare and Medicaid to improve efficiency, accountability and quality
Health Disparities legislation

- *Tri-Caucus Health Equity Bill*
Other opportunities

- National and state health care reform efforts
- Disease specific
- Appropriations including increased funding for community health centers and for new health centers in areas with significant AA and NHPI populations
- Administrative opportunities
Questions?

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