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*Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities &
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National Health Plan Collaborative Launches Online Toolkit to Assist Health Plans in Reducing Disparities

Collaborative of major health plans launches online toolkit to help health plans reduce racial and ethnic disparities in health care

Washington, DC – The National Health Plan Collaborative has released an online toolkit of resources, lessons, case studies and videos to help health plans identify and reduce disparities within their memberships.

The Collaborative brings together 11 major health insurance plans, in partnership with organizations from the public and private sectors, to identify ways to improve the quality of health care for racially and ethnically diverse populations. The toolkit will enable health care decision-makers to learn from the Collaborative's work, implement similar strategies, and make the case for addressing the unacceptable differences in health care and health outcomes for the country's health plan members.

Featured toolkit resources include:

- Health plan case studies;
- Sample tools, forms and policies related to implementation;
- Videos of experts talking about the importance of reducing disparities and about firsthand experiences in developing and implementing interventions; and
- A compilation of resources in this field.

The online toolkit allows users to download charts, tables, forms and resources to use in their health plans. The toolkit is hosted on the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Web site and can be downloaded at www.rwjf.org/qualityequality/goto/NHPCToolkit.

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The National Health Plan Collaborative is a groundbreaking effort to improve the quality of health care for racially and ethnically diverse patient populations. It brings together 11 major health insurance companies and works in partnership with organizations from the public and private sectors. The Collaborative includes Aetna, Boston Medical Center HealthNet Plan, CIGNA, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, HealthPartners, Highmark Inc., Humana, Kaiser Permanente, Molina Healthcare, UnitedHealth Group and WellPoint, Inc. The Collaborative's activities are organized and managed by the Center for Health Care Strategies in coordination with RAND Corporation, with funding and leadership support from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Moving forward, the Collaborative will receive support from America's Health Insurance Plans.

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