



# Six Domains of Health Workforce Equity Webinar Series – Session 2

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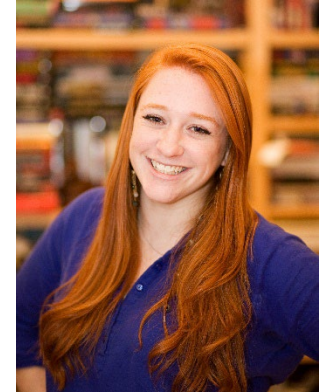
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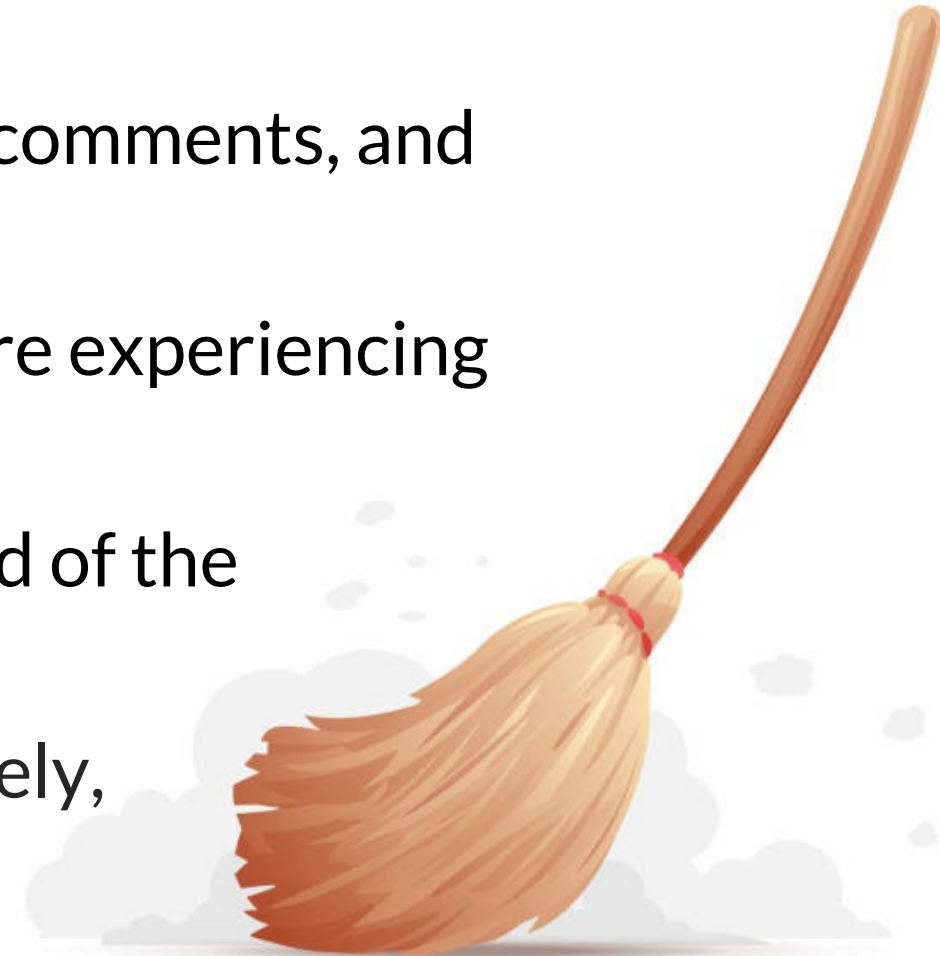
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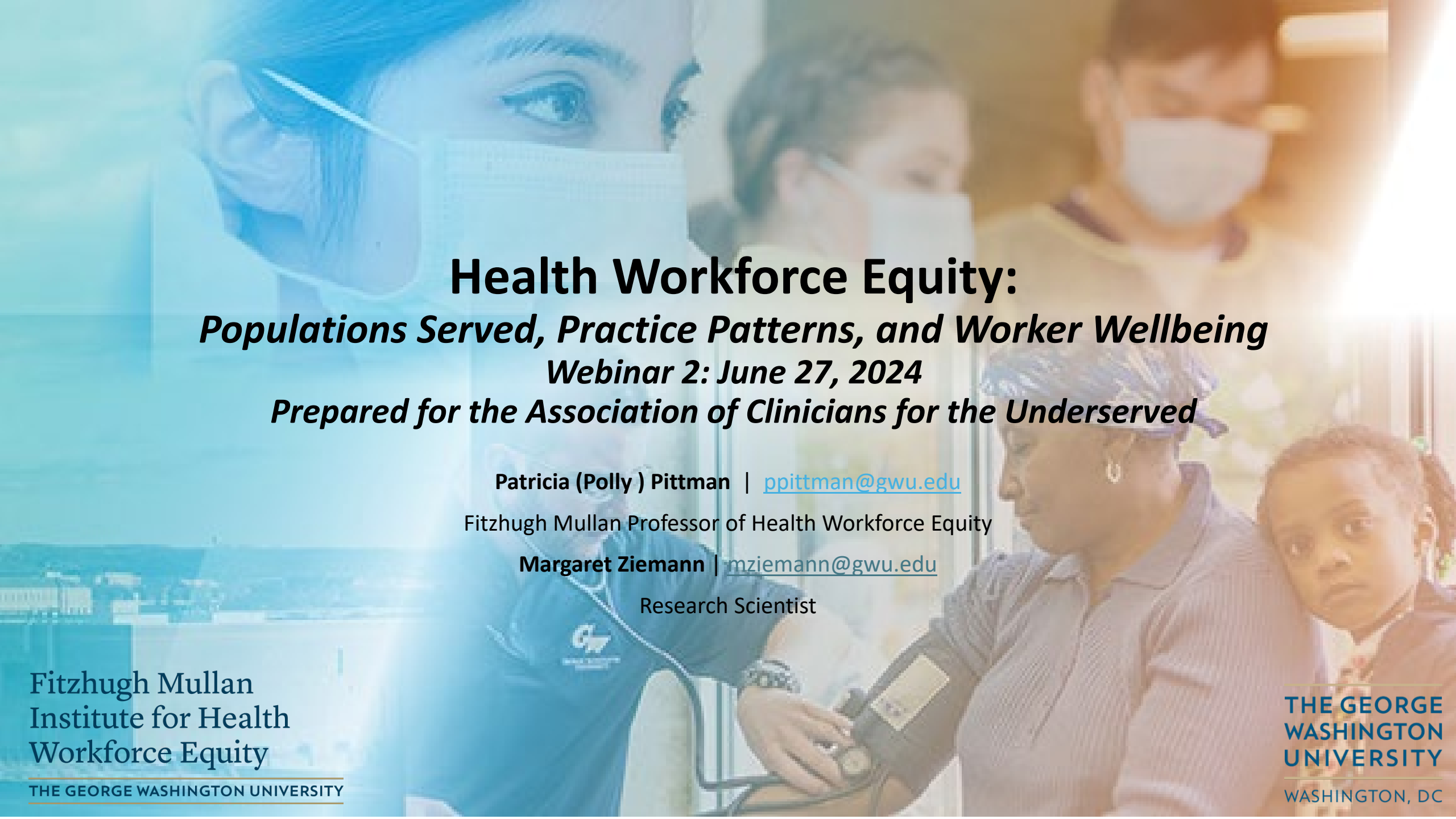
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# **Health Workforce Equity:**

## ***Populations Served, Practice Patterns, and Worker Wellbeing***

### ***Webinar 2: June 27, 2024***

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# Webinar Objectives

Webinar participants will be able to:

1. Define the 6 domains of health workforce equity (HWE)
2. Explain the relationship between each domain and health equity
3. Understand the policies and programs that affect each HWE domain
4. Describe metrics that can be used to assess each HWE domain
5. Identify high and low performing HWE states based on select metrics
6. Locate relevant HWE resources from the Mullan Institute



# Health Workforce Policy Analysis Goes Beyond Counts

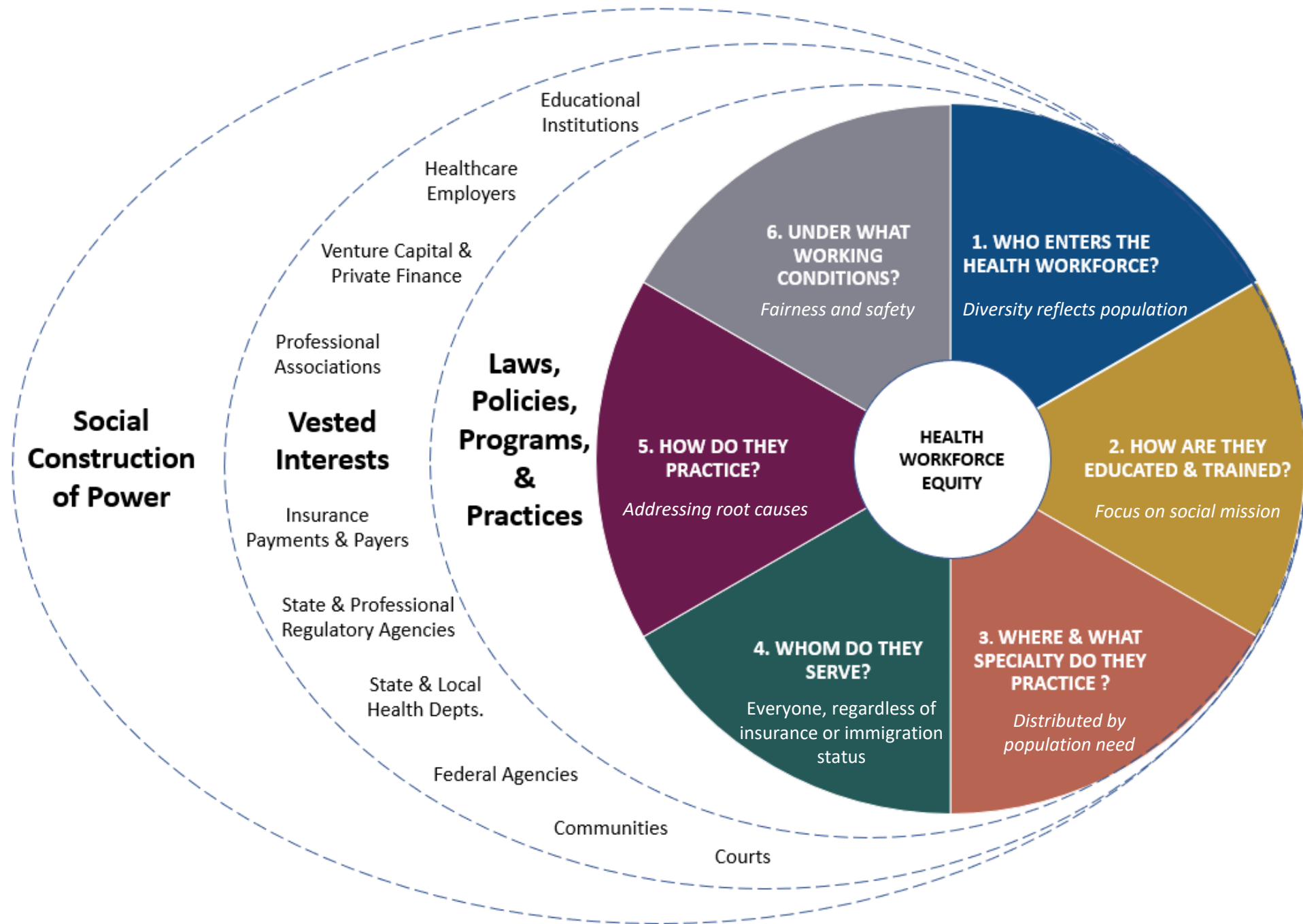
**Our vision is a world in which there is a diverse health workforce that has the competencies, opportunities, and courage to ensure everyone has a fair opportunity to attain their full health potential.**

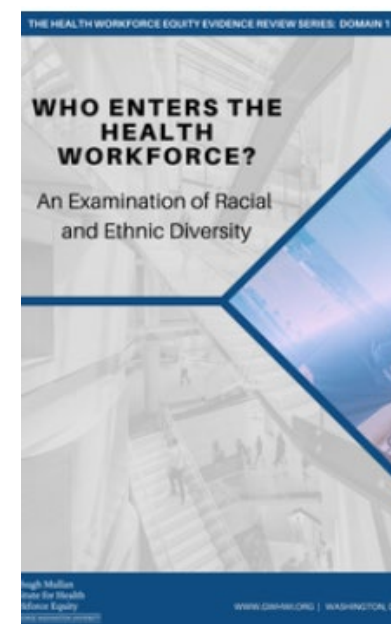
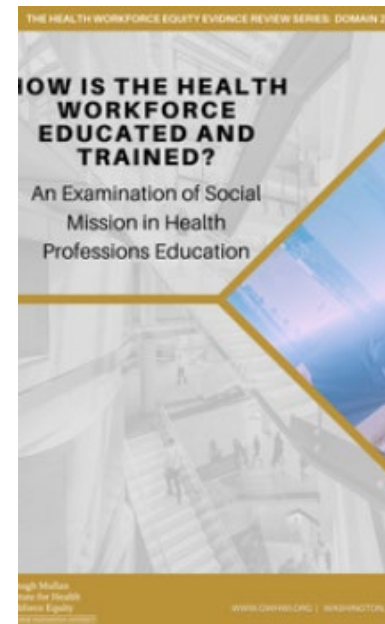
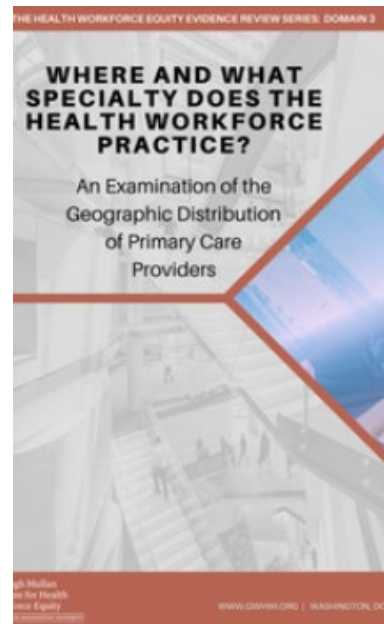
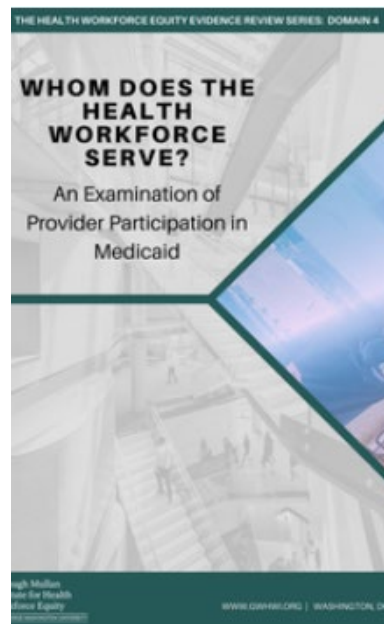
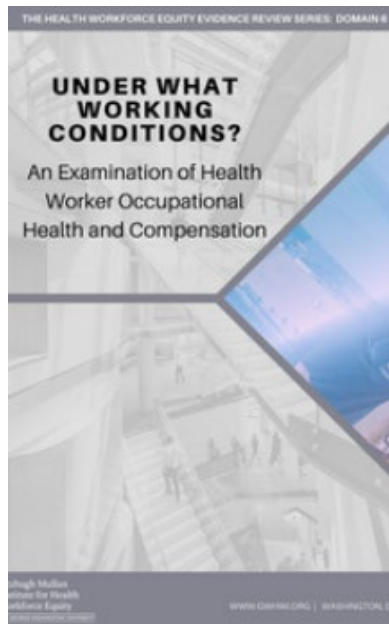
**We call this Health Workforce Equity.**

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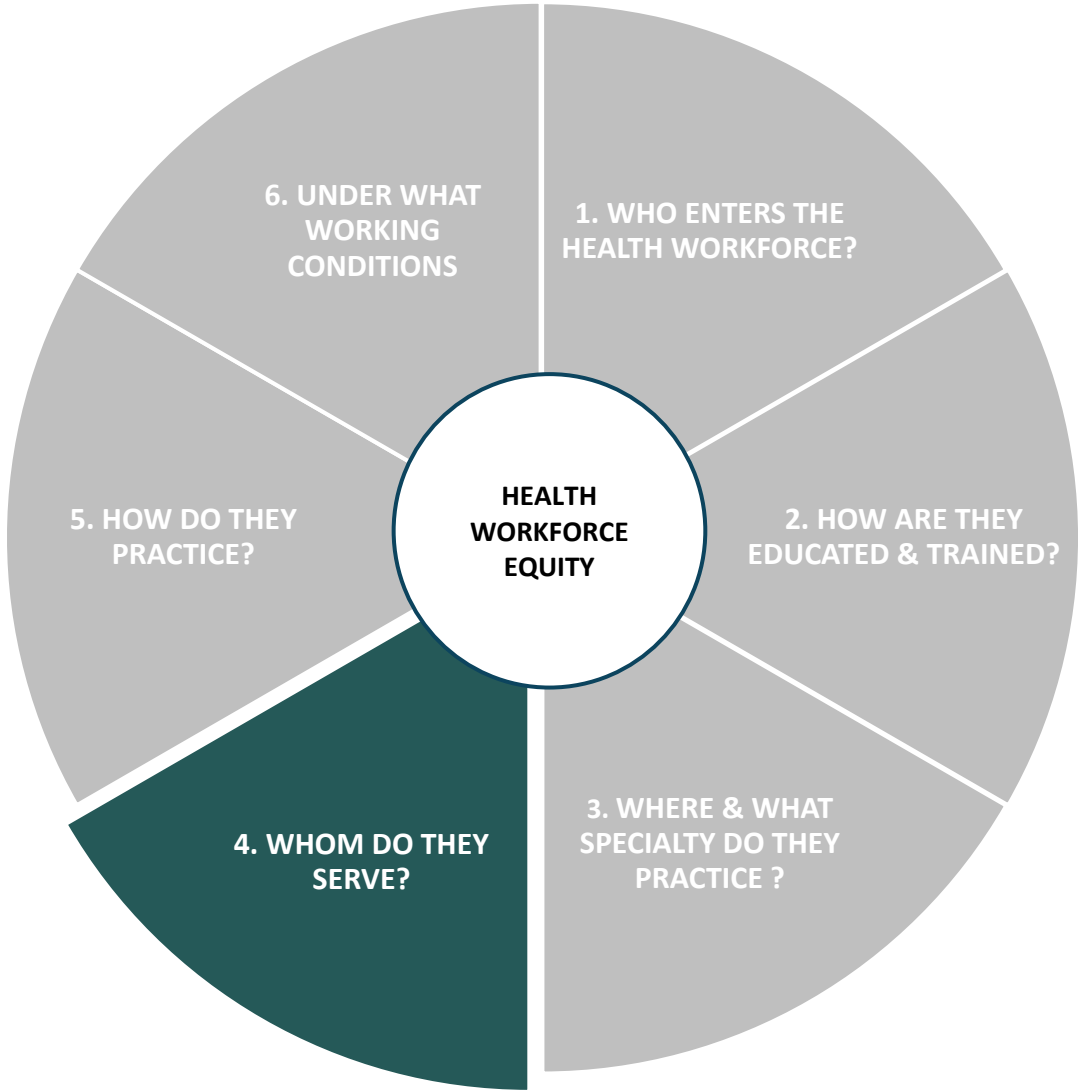
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# Health Workforce Equity Evidence Review Series



# Relationship to Health Equity

# Expanding Health Insurance Coverage is Step

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The passage of Medicare to inform seniors about the new health care law. Gomez (left) and Emily Sellers (right) have just rung the bell at a home in Astoria, about the law. | Getty

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# But effects on health equity depends on the populations served

- Along with maldistribution, lack of equitable access to care can be attributed to the degree to which providers are willing to care for communities made vulnerable
- In the United States, provider willingness to serve patients varies by insurance coverage, particularly Medicaid
- Lack of participation in Medicaid - especially by primary care providers - creates inequities in access to care, health outcomes and quality of care

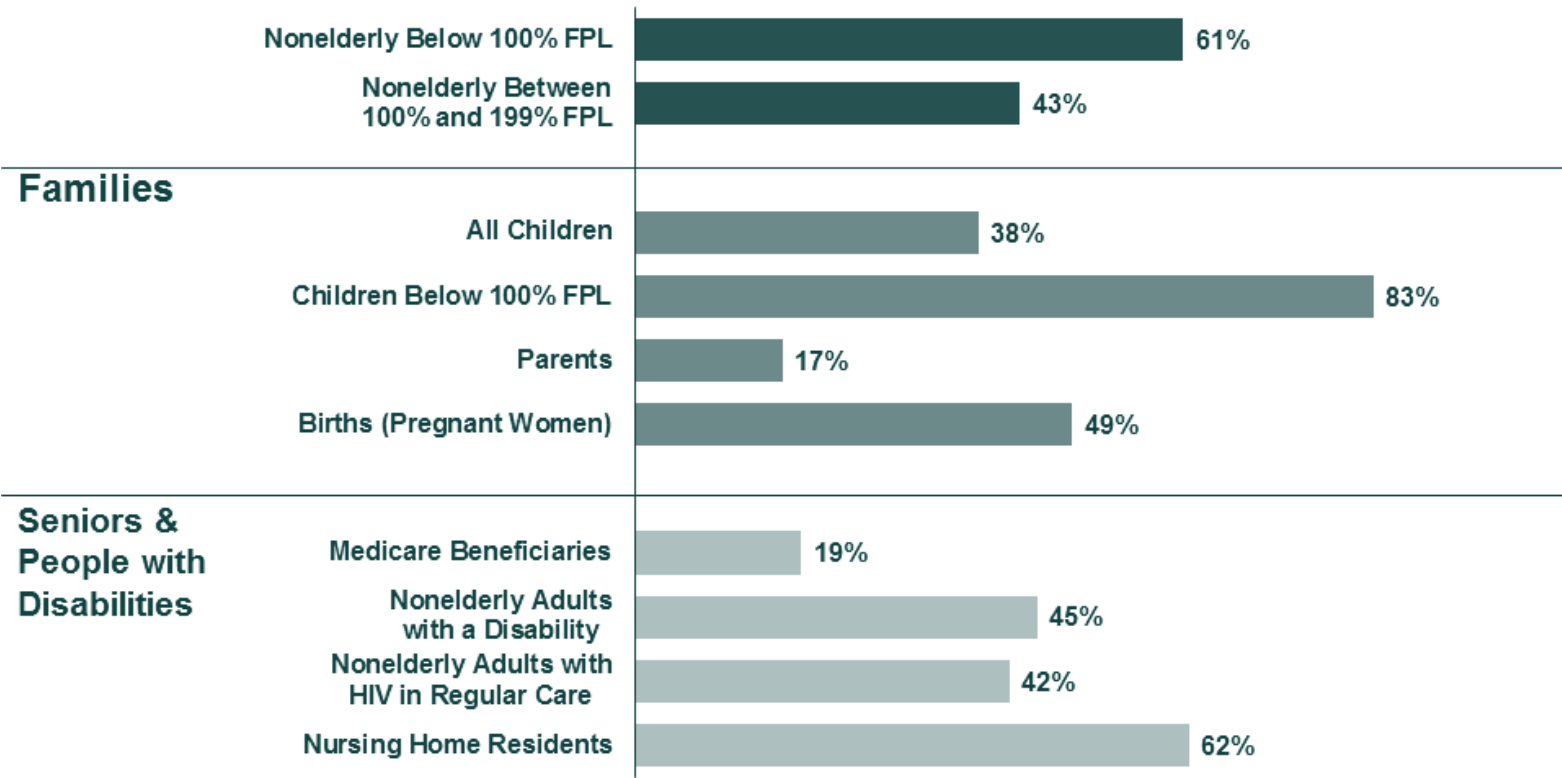


# Medicaid provides access to health care for communities made vulnerable

Figure 4

Medicaid plays a key role for selected populations.

Percent with Medicaid Coverage:



Increased Medicaid acceptance=

- ✓ Increased access (Cunningham, 2005; Decker, 2015)
- ✓ Increased use of preventive care (Heidenreich, 2015)
- ✓ Lower unmet needs (Cunningham, 2005; Decker, 2015)
- ✓ Less likelihood of forgoing care (Decker, 2015)
- ✓ Lower ED use (Lowe, 2005; Ford, 2019)

NOTE: FPL-- Federal Poverty Level. The U.S. Census Bureau's poverty threshold for a family with two adults and one child was \$20,420 in 2017. SOURCES: Kaiser Family Foundation analysis of the 2017 American Community Survey; Birth data-Implementing Coverage and Payment Initiatives: Results from a 50-State Medicaid Budget Survey for State Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017, KFF, October 2016; Medicare data -Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Office of Enterprise Data and Analytics, Chronic Conditions Data Warehouse, CY 2016; Disability - KFF Analysis of 2017 ACS; Nonelderly with HIV - 2014 CDC MMP; Nursing Home Residents - 2015 OSCAR/CASPER data.



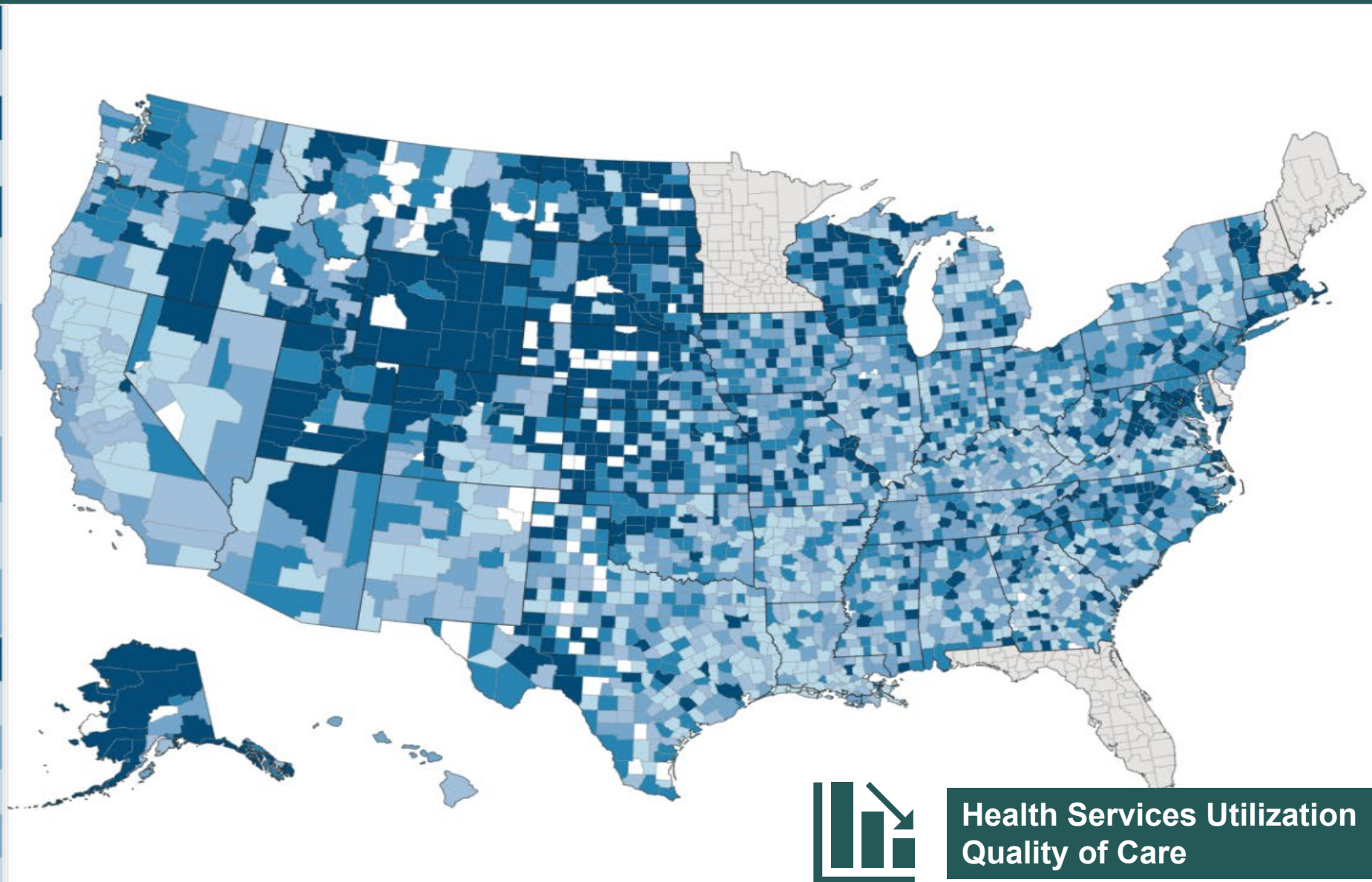


# Nature and Magnitude of the Problem

# 12% to 21% of PCPs Do Not Serve Medicaid Patients Across States

<https://www.gwhwi.org/medicaid-primary-care-workforce-tracker.html>

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Health Services Utilization  
Quality of Care

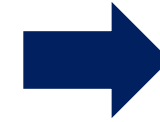
# Policies and Programs

# Medicaid Workforce Policies

**80 Million  
Covered by Medicaid**



**Medicaid  
Participation**



**Usual Source of Care  
Health Services  
Appropriate Care**

## Medicaid



Close Payment Gaps



Medicaid Expansion



Reduce Admin Burden



MCO Network Adequacy

## Workforce Supply & Composition



Equitable Distribution



Improve Workforce Diversity



Advance Social Mission



Address Burnout

## Delivery System



Health System Integration



Delivery Innovations



Public Safety Net Programs



Dismantle Systemic Racism

Study and track Medicaid participation. Improve data and analysis.

# Domain 4: HWE State Level Measurement and Assessment

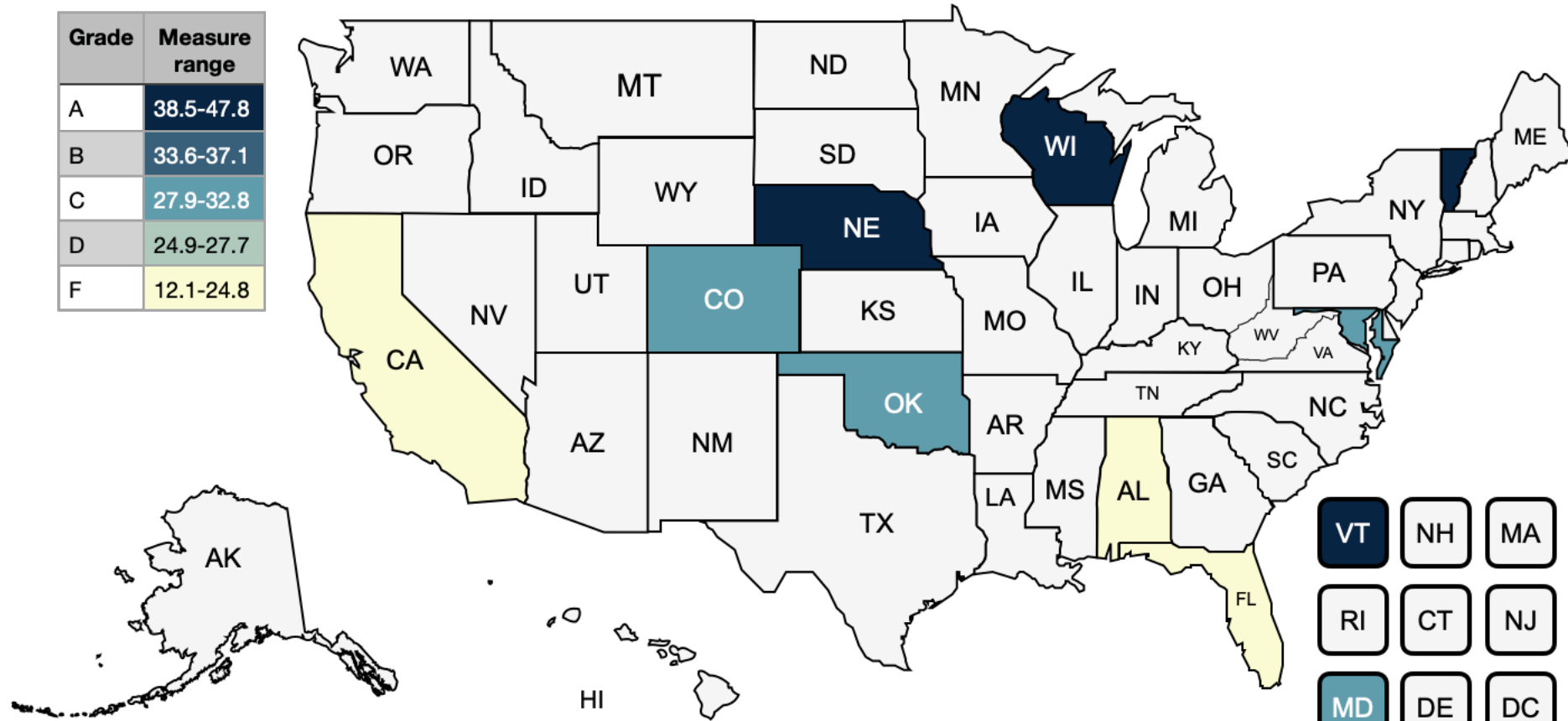
# Populations Served: Focus on State Performance

Metric	Definition	Data Source
<b>Medicaid primary care clinician-to-population ratio</b>	Within each state, the ratio of all primary care clinicians (4a.1); specialist physicians (4a.2) that serve at least 150 Medicaid beneficiaries per 10,000 Medicaid population.	National Plan & Provider Enumeration Systems (NPPES), <i>CMS</i> <sup>36</sup> Transformed Medicaid Statistical Information System (T-MSIS), <i>CMS</i> <sup>35</sup> Analysis of T-MSIS ( <i>Kaiser Family Foundation</i> )
<b>Medicaid primary care clinician-to-population ratio</b>	Within each state, the ratio of all specialist physicians that serve at least 150 Medicaid beneficiaries per 10,000 Medicaid population.	
<b>Care for underserved</b>	The number of physicians practicing in CHCs relative to the respective workforce in the state.	Uniform Data System, <i>HRSA</i> <sup>45</sup> Transformed Medicaid Statistical Information (T-MSIS), <i>CMS</i> <sup>35</sup> National Plan & Provider Enumeration Systems (NPPES), <i>CMS</i>

### Domain 4: Populations Served

#### HWE 4-a-1: Number of Primary Care Clinicians Treating 150 or More Medicaid Beneficiaries per Medicaid Pop.

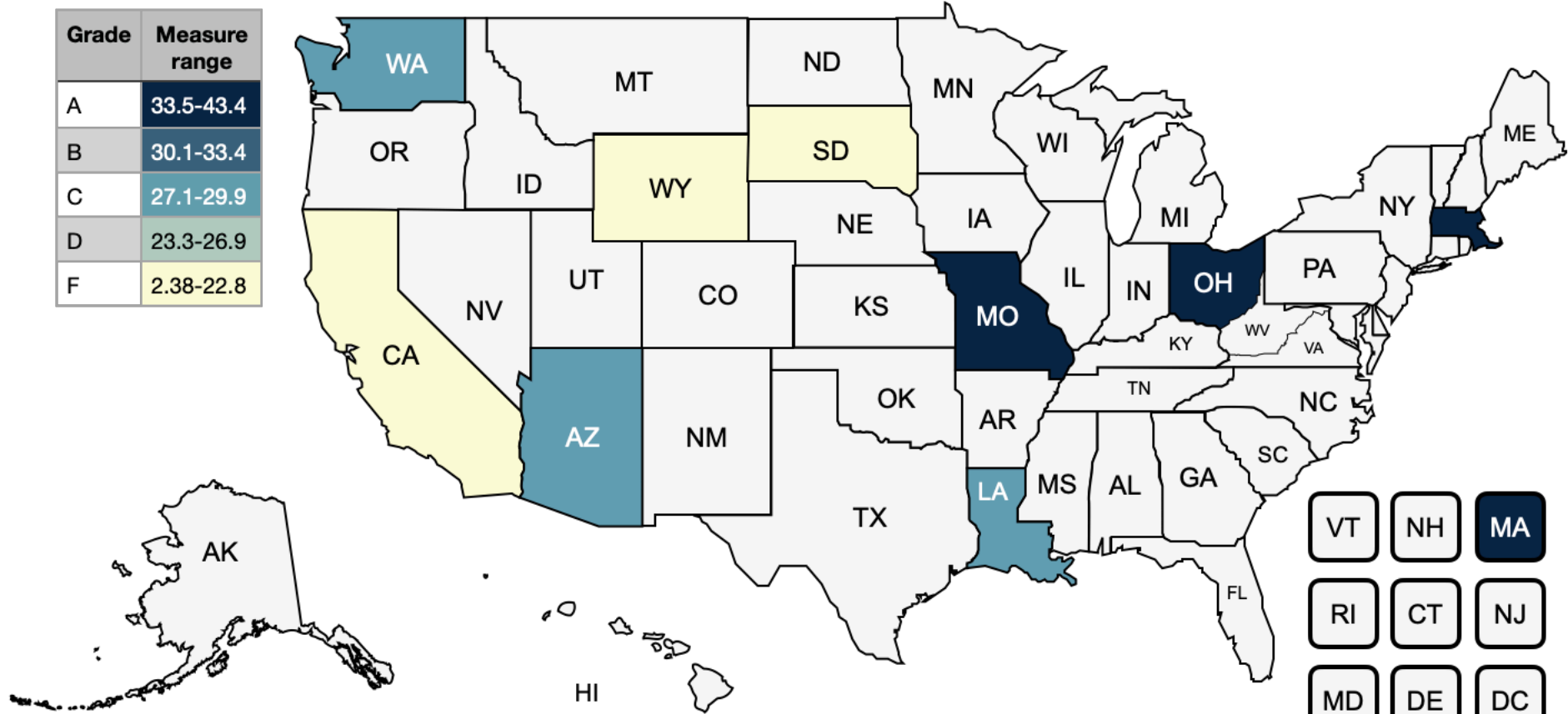
Grade	Measure range
A	38.5-47.8
B	33.6-37.1
C	27.9-32.8
D	24.9-27.7
F	12.1-24.8



Highest	National Median	Lowest
Nebraska (47.85)	30.63	California (12.11)

**Domain 4: Populations Served**  
**HWE 4-a-2: Number of Specialists Treating 150 or More Medicaid Beneficiaries per Medicaid Pop.**

Grade	Measure range
A	33.5-43.4
B	30.1-33.4
C	27.1-29.9
D	23.3-26.9
F	2.38-22.8



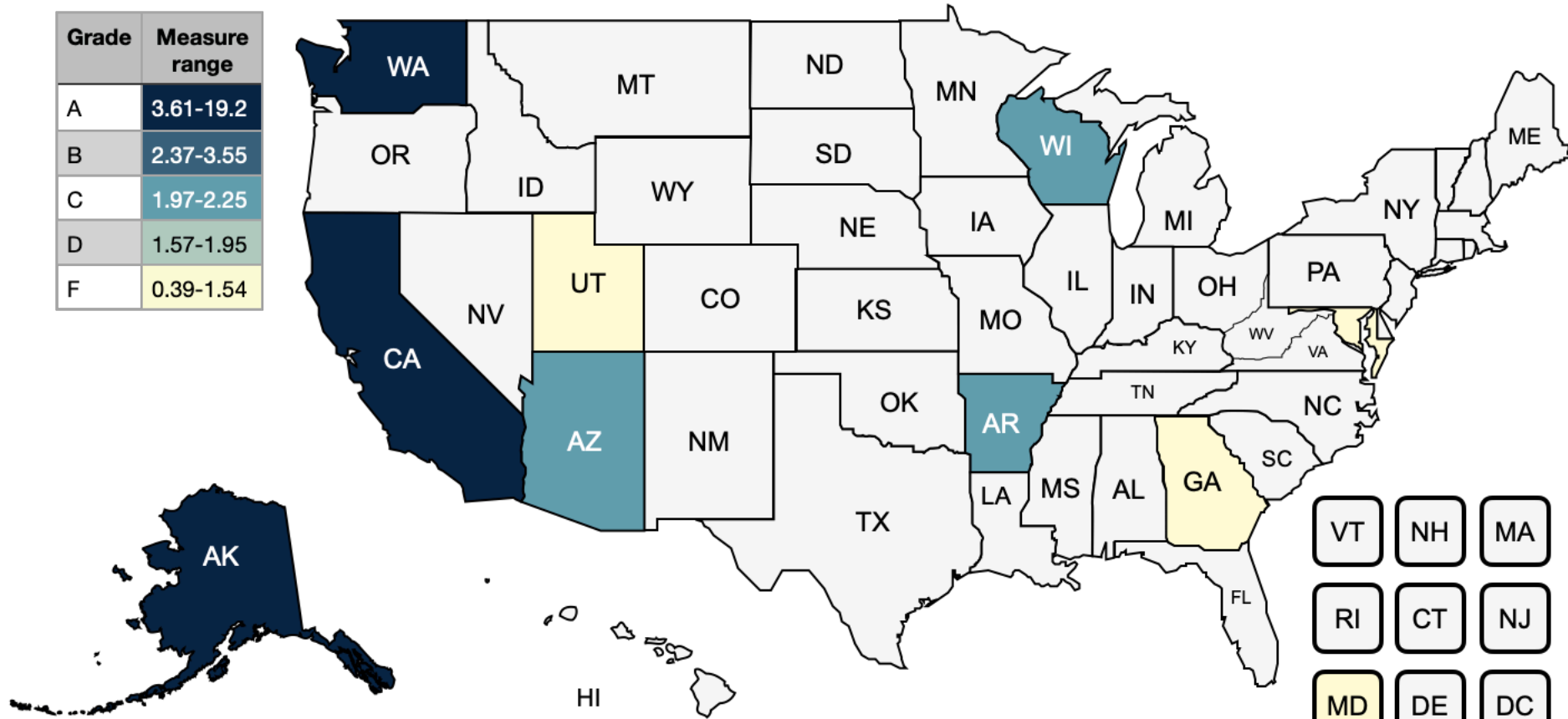
VT	NH	<b>MA</b>
RI	CT	NJ
MD	DE	DC

Highest	National Median	Lowest
Massachusetts (43.39)	28.91	Wyoming (2.38)



**Domain 4: Populations Served**  
**HWE 4-b: Percent Clinicians Practicing in CHCs**

Grade	Measure range
A	3.61-19.2
B	2.37-3.55
C	1.97-2.25
D	1.57-1.95
F	0.39-1.54



VT	NH	MA
RI	CT	NJ
MD	DE	DC

Highest	National Median	Lowest
Washington (19.19%)	2.08%	Georgia (0.39%)

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**MEDICAID PRIMARY CARE WORKFORCE TRACKER**

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<https://www.gwhwi.org/medicaid-primary-care-workforce-tracker.html>





# Relationship to Health Equity

# New Focus on SDoH & Equity



MEDICAL REPORT JANUARY 24, 2011 ISSUE

## THE HOT SPOTTERS

*Can we lower medical costs by giving the neediest patients better care?*



By Atul Gawande

January 16, 2011



*In Camden, New Jersey, one per cent of patients account for a third of the city's medical costs. Photograph by Phillip*

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# The health workforce can address patients' social needs in a variety of ways

Activities/Tasks	Example
Screening/documenting social needs	MA screens for domestic violence, substance use at primary care visits <sup>(Nuruzzaman, 2015)</sup>
Adjusting care plans for social needs	Pharmacist suggests more affordable medications for uninsured patients <sup>(Anderson, 2018)</sup>
Advocating for patients' social needs	Physician sends letter about effects of poor housing conditions to patients' landlords <sup>(Lax, 2021; Regenstein, 2018)</sup>
Referring/connecting with social services	CHW connects with housing or transportation services <sup>(Sharma, 2019)</sup>
Supporting self-management & at-home care	Health coach identifies goals & barriers with patients before visits <sup>(Wolever, 2013)</sup>
Providing education & social support	Peer support worker conducts recovery support meetings with patients with mental illness <sup>(Gaiser, 2021)</sup>

# Evidence of the relationship to health equity

*Fichtenberg et al / Am J Prev Med 2019;57(6S1):S47–S54*

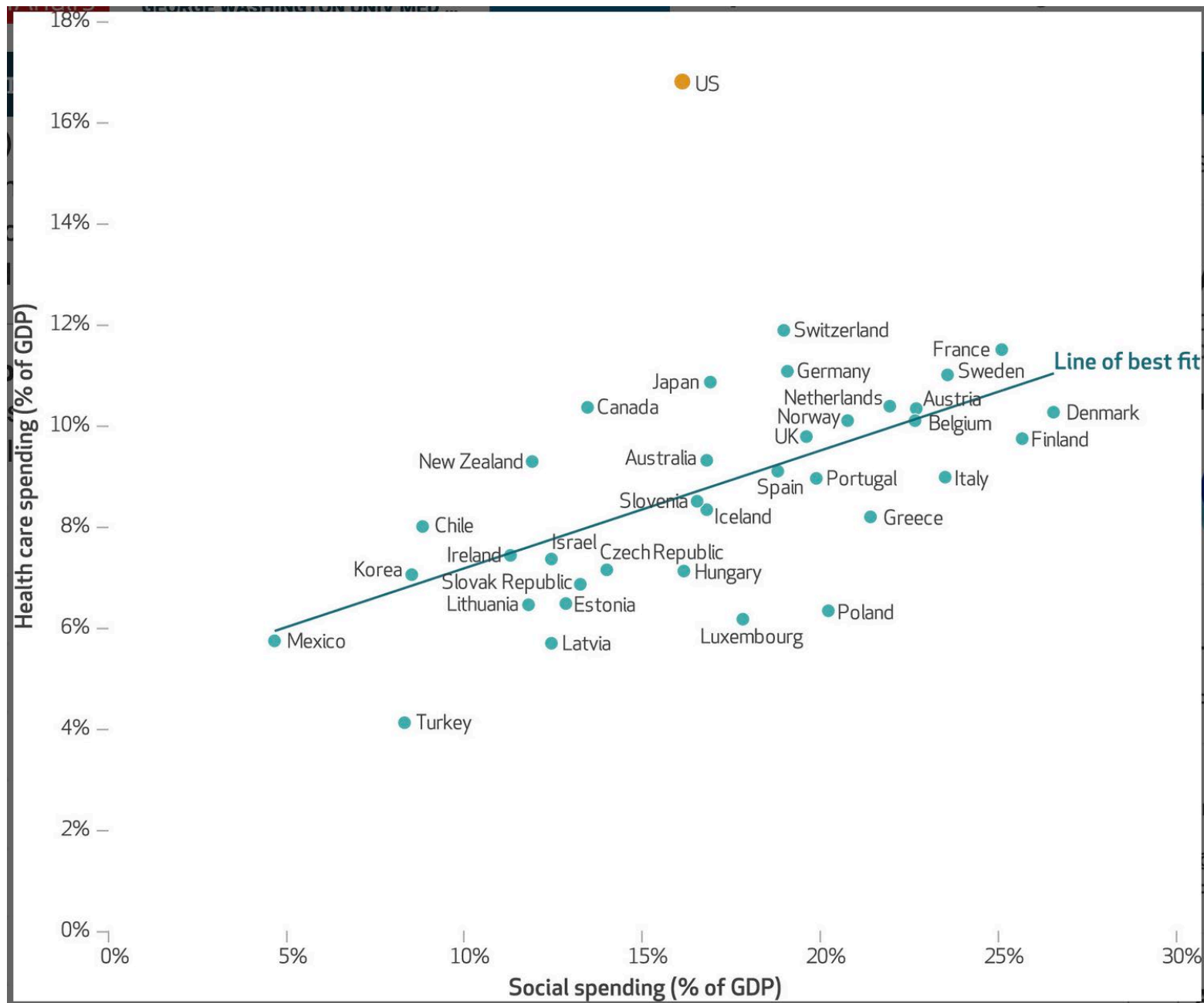
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**Table 1.** Hypothesized Pathways Linking Social Needs Interventions to Improved Health, Health Equity, and Healthcare Outcomes

<b>Pathways</b>	<b>Description</b>
Reduced patient social needs	Assistance with needs through referral and/or navigation to clinic-based or external services reduces social needs, thereby improving health outcomes. Furthermore, awareness of the prevalence of social needs may spur investments in community-based social services and resources (e.g., affordable housing, supportive housing, supermarkets, etc.), which can further help reduce social needs.
Improved quality of care and care effectiveness	Awareness of patients' social needs enables providers to better tailor care to patients' needs, increasing patient-centeredness and personalization of care, thereby improving care effectiveness and eventually improving health outcomes. In addition, being asked about social needs makes patients feel better cared for, which increases their trust in providers and engagement in care.
Reduced stress and anxiety	Receiving assistance with social needs helps reduce patient stress and anxiety, which can improve health.
Reduced provider burnout	Working in an organization that has the capacity to help address patients' social needs reduces provider burnout, thereby reducing provider turnover and organizational hiring and training costs.

# Nature and Magnitude of the Problem





Percent of gross domestic product (GDP) devoted to social spending and health care spending in the US and other Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) countries

[Papanicolas I, et al. The Relationship Between Health Spending And Social Spending In High-Income Countries: How Does The US Compare? \*Health Affairs, Vol. 38, No. 9.\* 2019.](#)

The health workforce has limited capacity to identify, acknowledge or address social determinants of health. This leads to inappropriate care, poor health outcomes and avoidable health disparities.

- Studies show that while providers are interested in screening for social needs in clinical settings, they do not feel confident in addressing them, primarily due to a lack of time, resources, and knowledge about social services (Schickedanz, 2019; Quinones-Rivera, 2021)
- Z Codes for documenting social determinants of health are drastically underutilized (CMS, 2021)

## Structural/Societal Conditions

- Low public health investments
- Structural racism
- Healthcare system fragmentation and FFS incentives

## Intermediate effects

- "Weathering"
- Lack of provider diversity
- Medical care prioritization, limited team based care or training on SDoH

## Consequences

- Health workforce has limited capacity to identify or address SDOH
- Inappropriate, ineffective medical care for social needs
- Worsening disparities, premature disease, death

# Policies and Programs

# Policies and Programs That Address the Problem

## Policies and Programs

## SDoH Workforce Impact



CMMI, Value Based Payments

New SDoH workforce.<sup>(Sandberg, 2017)</sup> Addressing SDoH in infancy.<sup>(Murray, 2020)</sup> Case management not lowering cost for high risk pop.<sup>(Finkelstein, 2020; McWilliams, 2017)</sup> Too early to see results.<sup>(Mathematica, 2021; Murray, 2020)</sup> Unclear funding.<sup>(Murray, 2020)</sup> **Few evaluations of workforce roles/investments.**



Medicaid (1115, reimbursement)

Greater flexibility in what can be covered.<sup>(Hinton, 2019)</sup> **Regulations still complex.**<sup>(Kushner, 2019)</sup> Leverage performance measures to incentivize social care.<sup>(Brown, 2021)</sup> Some uncomfortable medicalizing social needs.<sup>(Alderwick, 2019; MACPAC, 2019)</sup> Sustainability when grant ends.<sup>(Alderwick, 2019)</sup>



Grant funding (public and private)

Fund CHWs<sup>(Park, 2021)</sup>, peer support<sup>(Gaiser, 2021)</sup>, **not as sustainable**



Community Benefits

Used to support workforce development around SDoH, **but overall fairly limited compared to other hospital funding.**<sup>(Chinman, 2021)</sup>



Accountable Communities for Health

Creating infrastructure for partners to share resources/workforce to address SDoH.<sup>(Lax, 2021)</sup> CMMI: 500,000 screened for SDoH, 15% eligible for navigators. Hired navigators, screeners often volunteers. **Few cases resolved.**<sup>(CMMI, 2020)</sup>

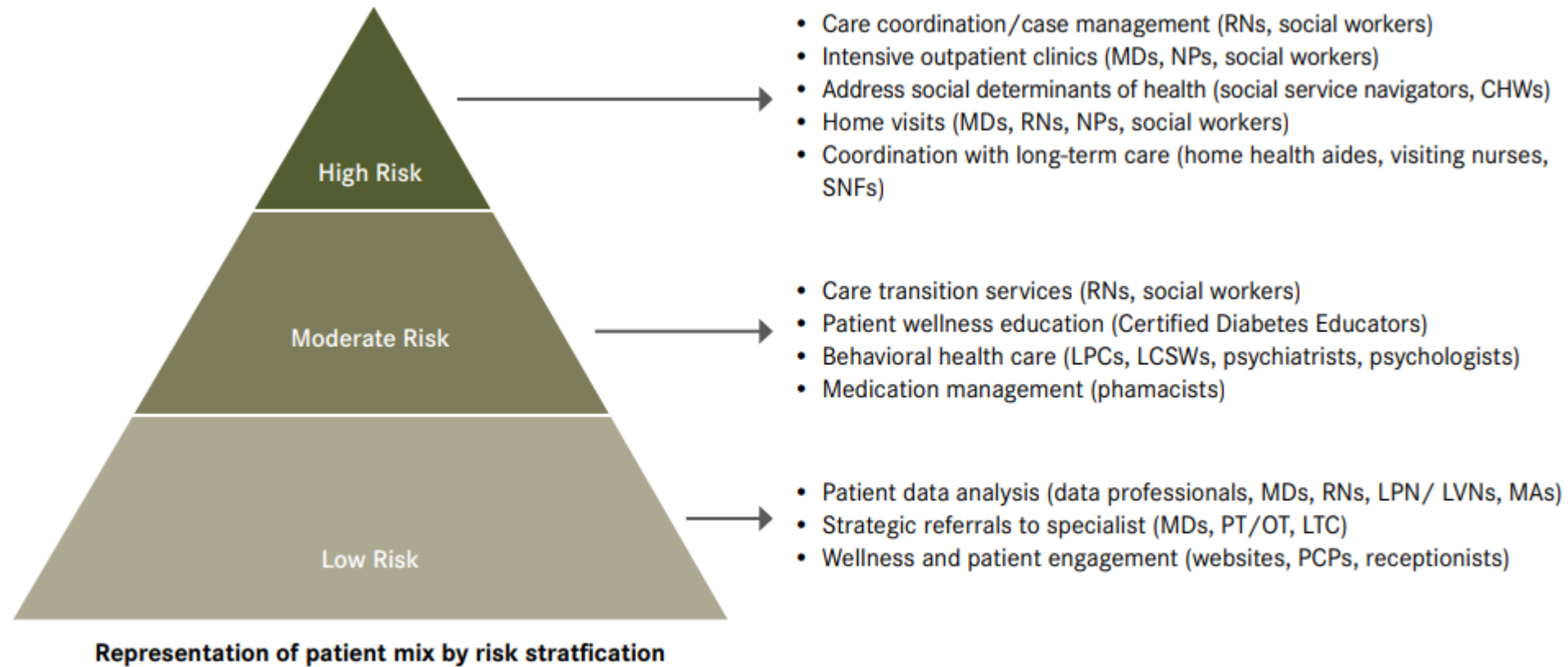


Training on the SDoH

Improvements in provider knowledge about identifying and addressing social needs in clinical care settings. <sup>(Quinones-Rivera, 2021)</sup>

# Multiple workforce options for addressing gaps in care: The ACO example

**Figure. Risk Stratification of Patients Drives Workforce Use in Accountable Care Organizations**



CHW indicates community health worker; LCSW, licensed clinical social worker; LPC, licensed professional counselor; LPN, licensed practical nurse; LTC, long-term care; LVN, licensed vocational nurse; MA, medical assistant; MD, medical doctor; NP, nurse practitioner; PCP, primary care physician; PT/OT, physical therapy/occupational therapy; RN, registered nurse; nurse; SNF, skilled nursing facility.  
Source: Author's analysis from interviews and site visits.

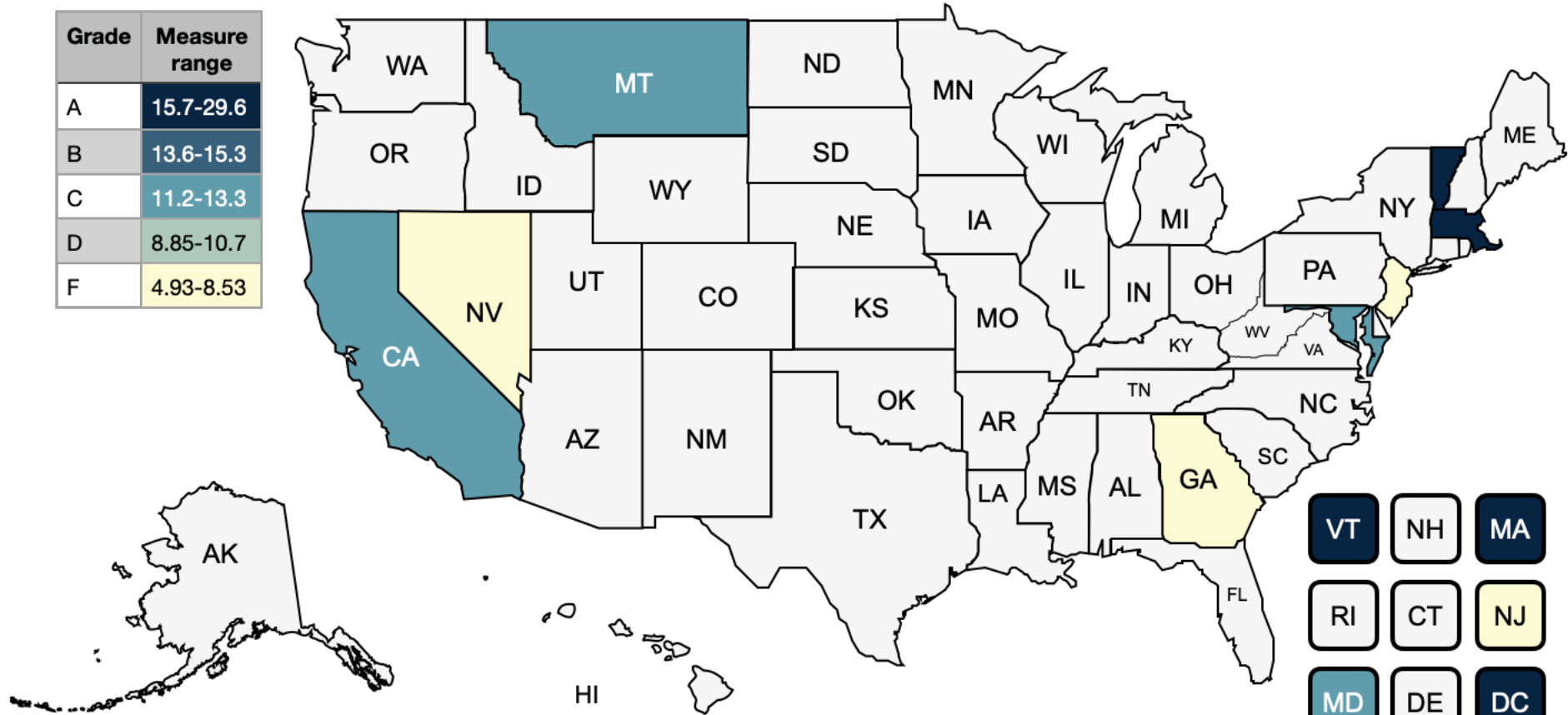
# Domain 5: HWE State Level Measurement and Assessment

# How the Health Workforce Practices: Focus on State Performance

Metric	Definition	Data Sources
<b>Prevalence of health care connectors</b>	The number of community health and social workers per 10,000 residents in each state.	Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS), U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics  U.S. Census Bureau
<b>Care management</b>	The number of care management services billed to Medicare relative to the number of FFS Medicare enrollees within each state (*1,000).	Medicare Public Use File (PUF), CMS

**Domain 5: Root Causes of Disparities**  
**HWE 5-a-3: Number of Community Health Workers + Social Workers per State Pop.**

Grade	Measure range
A	15.7-29.6
B	13.6-15.3
C	11.2-13.3
D	8.85-10.7
F	4.93-8.53



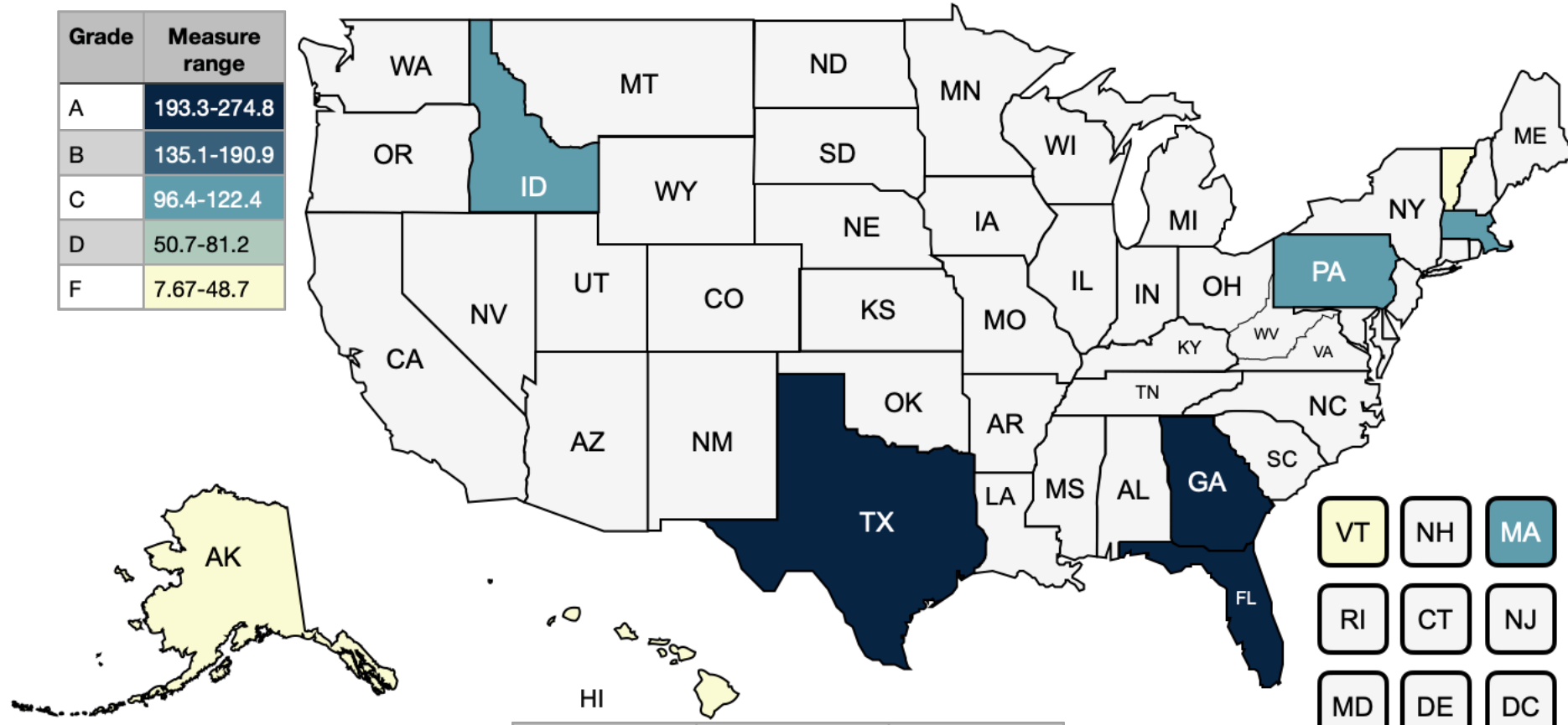
Highest	National Median	Lowest
Vermont (29.58)	12.10	Nevada (4.93)



### Domain 5: Root Causes of Disparities

#### HWE 5-b: Number of Care Management Services Billed to Medicare per FFS Medicare Enrollees in State

Grade	Measure range
A	193.3-274.8
B	135.1-190.9
C	96.4-122.4
D	50.7-81.2
F	7.67-48.7



Highest	National Median	Lowest
Texas (274.85)	104.08	Alaska (7.66)



**HEALTH  
WORKFORCE  
EQUITY**

1. WHO ENTERS THE  
HEALTH WORKFORCE?

2. HOW ARE THEY  
EDUCATED & TRAINED?

3. WHERE & WHAT  
SPECIALTY DO THEY  
PRACTICE ?

4. WHOM DO THEY  
SERVE?

5. HOW DO THEY  
PRACTICE?

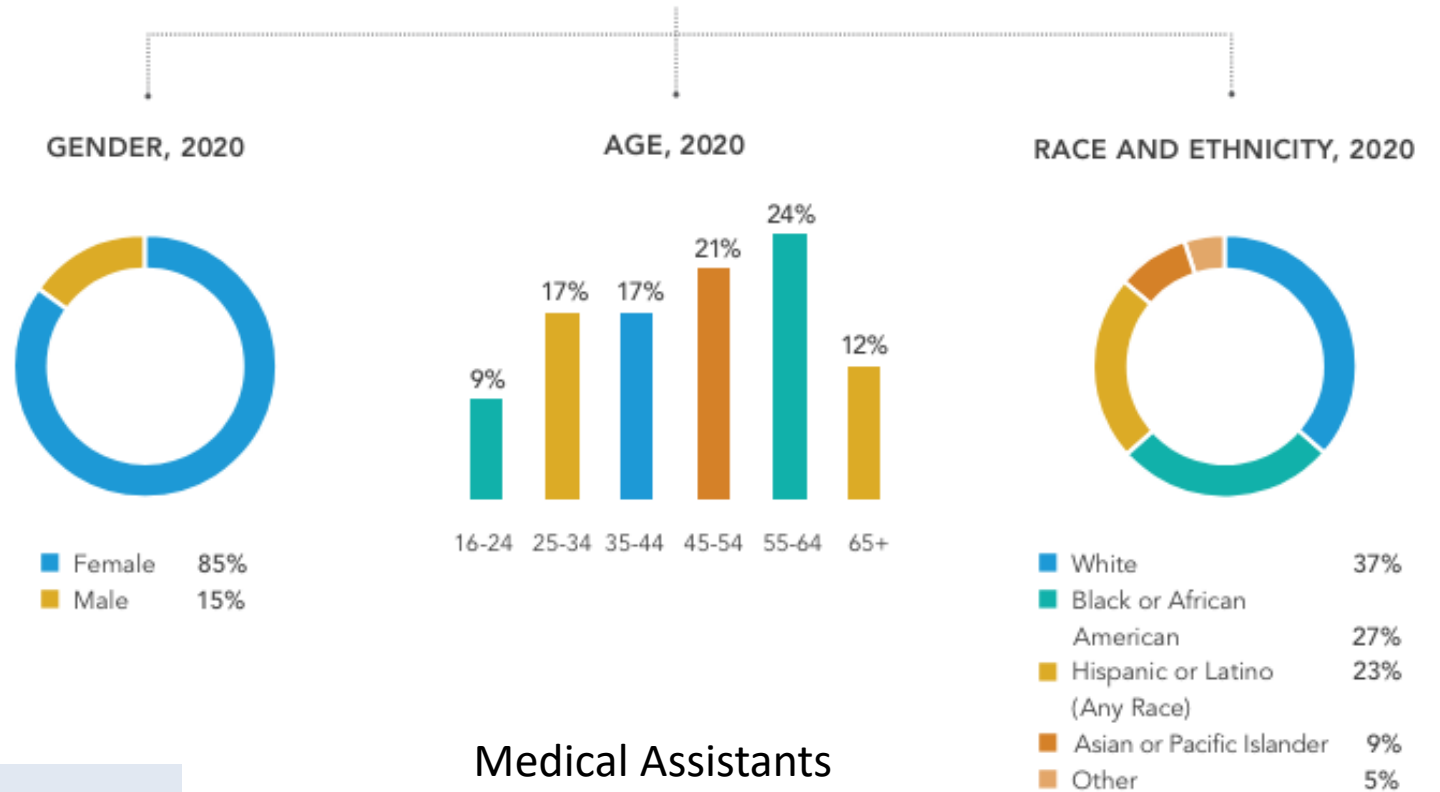
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# Part 1: Compensation Relationship to Health Equity

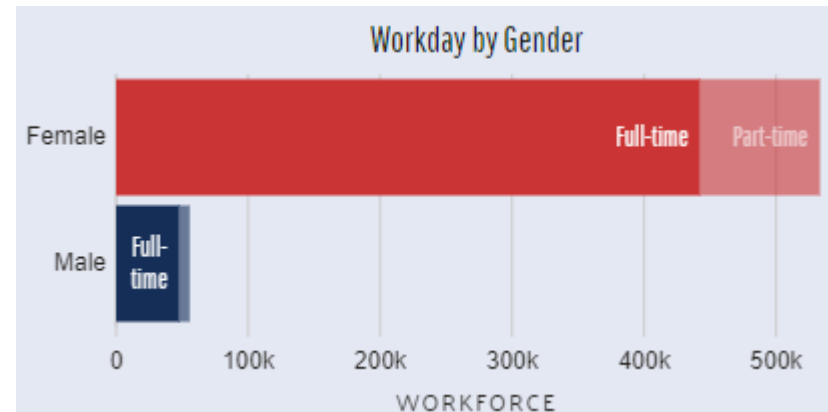
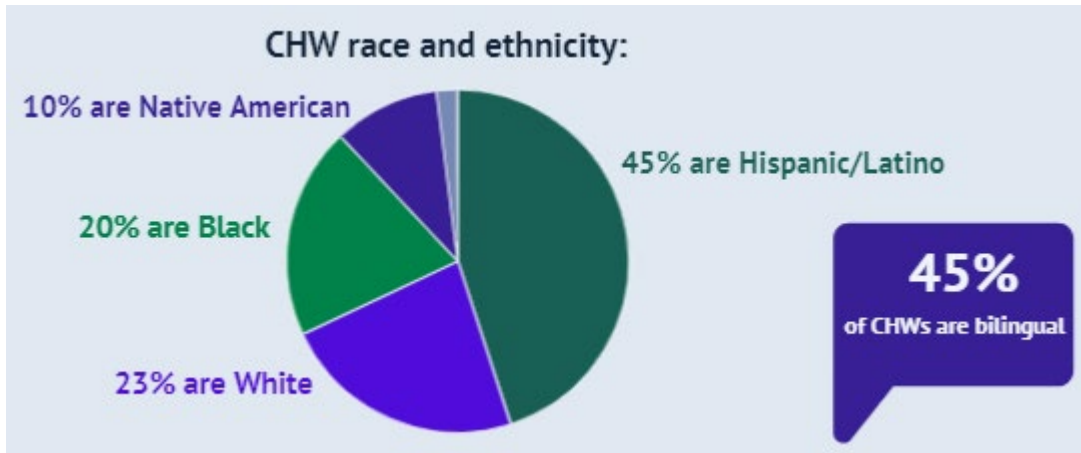
Poor compensation disproportionately affects women, people of color, and immigrants, thereby exacerbating the financial and social disadvantages these communities already face.

Studies show that low compensation is associated with a high turnover of these workers and that this, in turn, has negative effects on the health of patients, particularly for Medicaid beneficiaries in long-term care facilities.

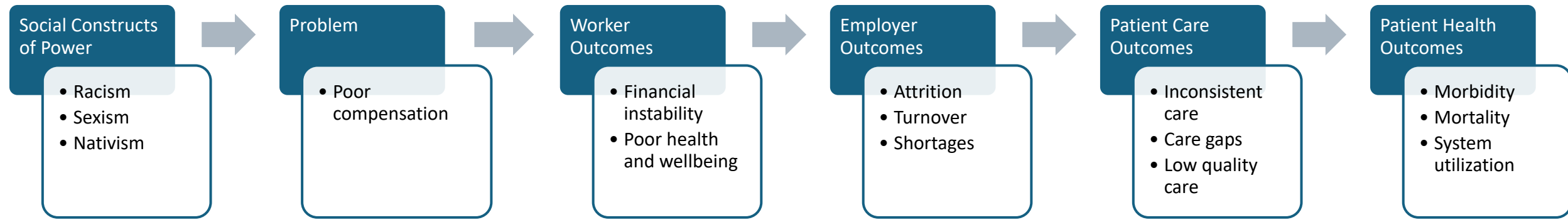
## HOME CARE WORKERS BY



## Medical Assistants



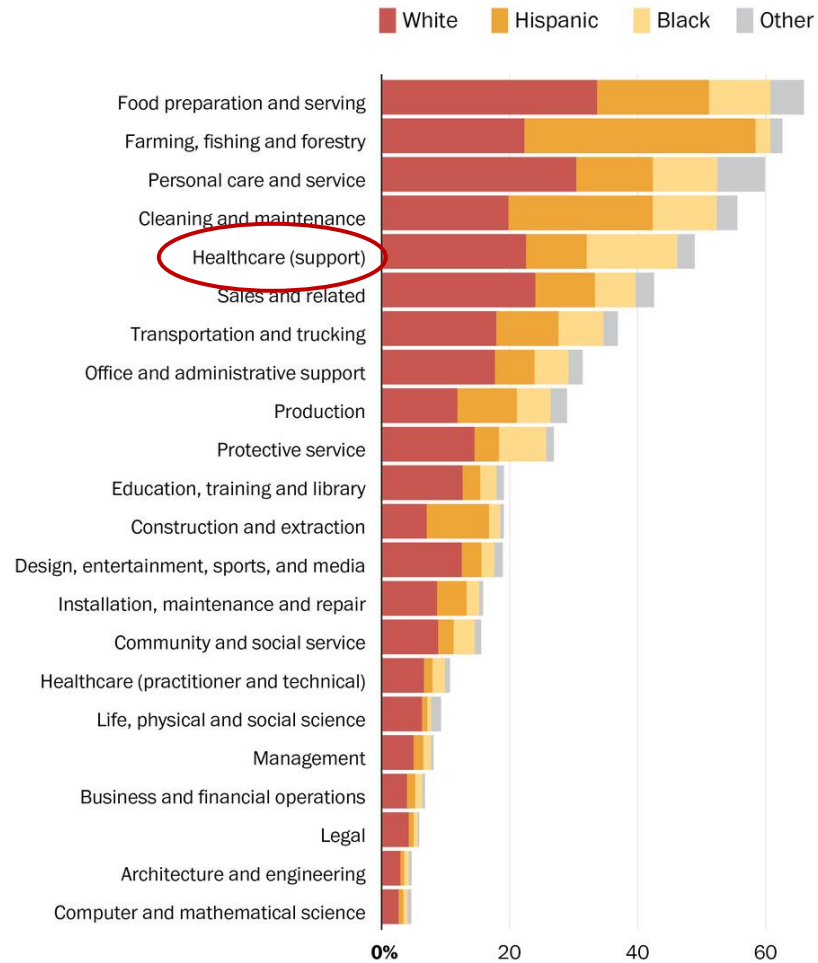
# Social construction of power is reflected in the systemic undervaluation of this workforce – a workforce of predominantly female and minority workers.



# Part 1: Compensation Nature and Magnitude of the Problem

# A subset of the health workforce - 7 million health care support workers - are systemically undercompensated.

## Share earning less than \$15 an hour in 2019



Note: Includes tips, commissions and overtime.  
 Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics Current Population Survey harmonized by Economic Policy Institute  
 THE WASHINGTON POST

## Occupational Employment and Wages, May 2023

### 31-0000 Healthcare Support Occupations (Major Group)

Healthcare Support Occupations comprises the following occupations: [Home Health and Personal Care Aides](#); [Psychiatric Aides](#); [Orderlies](#); [Nursing Assistants](#); [Occupational Therapy Aides](#); [Occupational Therapy Assistants](#); [Physical Therapist Aides](#); [Physical Therapist Assistants](#); [Massage Therapists](#); [Healthcare Support Workers, All Other](#); [Pharmacy Aides](#); [Medical Transcriptionists](#); [Medical Equipment Preparers](#); [Veterinary Assistants and Laboratory Animal Caretakers](#); [Phlebotomists](#); [Dental Assistants](#); [Medical Assistants](#)

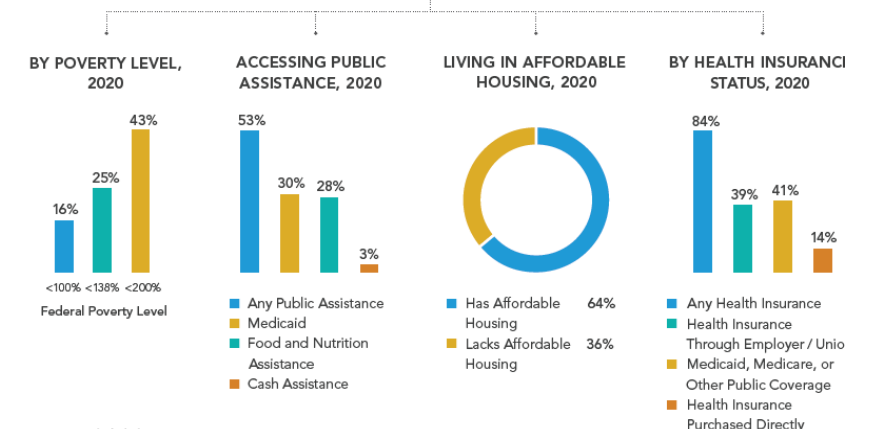
### National estimates for Healthcare Support Occupations:

Employment estimate and mean wage estimates for Healthcare Support Occupations:

Employment (1)	Employment RSE (3)	Mean hourly wage	Mean annual wage (2)	Wage RSE (3)
7,063,530	0.2 %	\$ 18.37	\$ 38,220	0.3 %

Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics

### HOME CARE WORKERS



Source: PHI, 2022

# Part 1: Compensation Policies and Programs



# Policies to Address Health Care Worker Compensation

Policy	Evidence
(Federal & State) Protect labor organizing	Associated w/lower turnover, better compensation and benefits, safer work environment and culture, lower patient mortality (Temple, 2011; BLS, 2021; Hagedorn, 2016; Ash, 2004)
(Federal & State) Increase the minimum wage	Reduce poverty and reliance on public assistance; relieve staffing shortages, decrease turnover; reduce patient deaths; benefit women of color; positive ROI (Himmelstein, 2019; Ruffini, 2020; Jabola-Carolus, 2021; LeadingAge, 2020)
(Federal) Mandate benefits	Lower intent to leave job and odds of turnover; protects workers' incomes, jobs, and health (Stone, 2017; Temple, 2011; OECD, 2021)
(State) Increase Medicaid reimbursement rates and enact supportive wage pass-through laws	Health care support workers in states with wage pass-through laws earn up to 12% more than those in states without them; laws also associated w/increased staffing levels in nursing homes (Baughman, 2010; Feng, 2010)
(Federal & State) Shift to value-based payment policies	More evidence needed; new payment models can incentivize employers to invest in upskilling of health care support workers to expand their scopes and provide career ladders with better wages

# Part 2: Safety & Wellbeing Relationship to Health Equity

# Health care workers face a disproportionate burden of injury, illness, and psychological distress

## Disparities in Health Worker Well-being

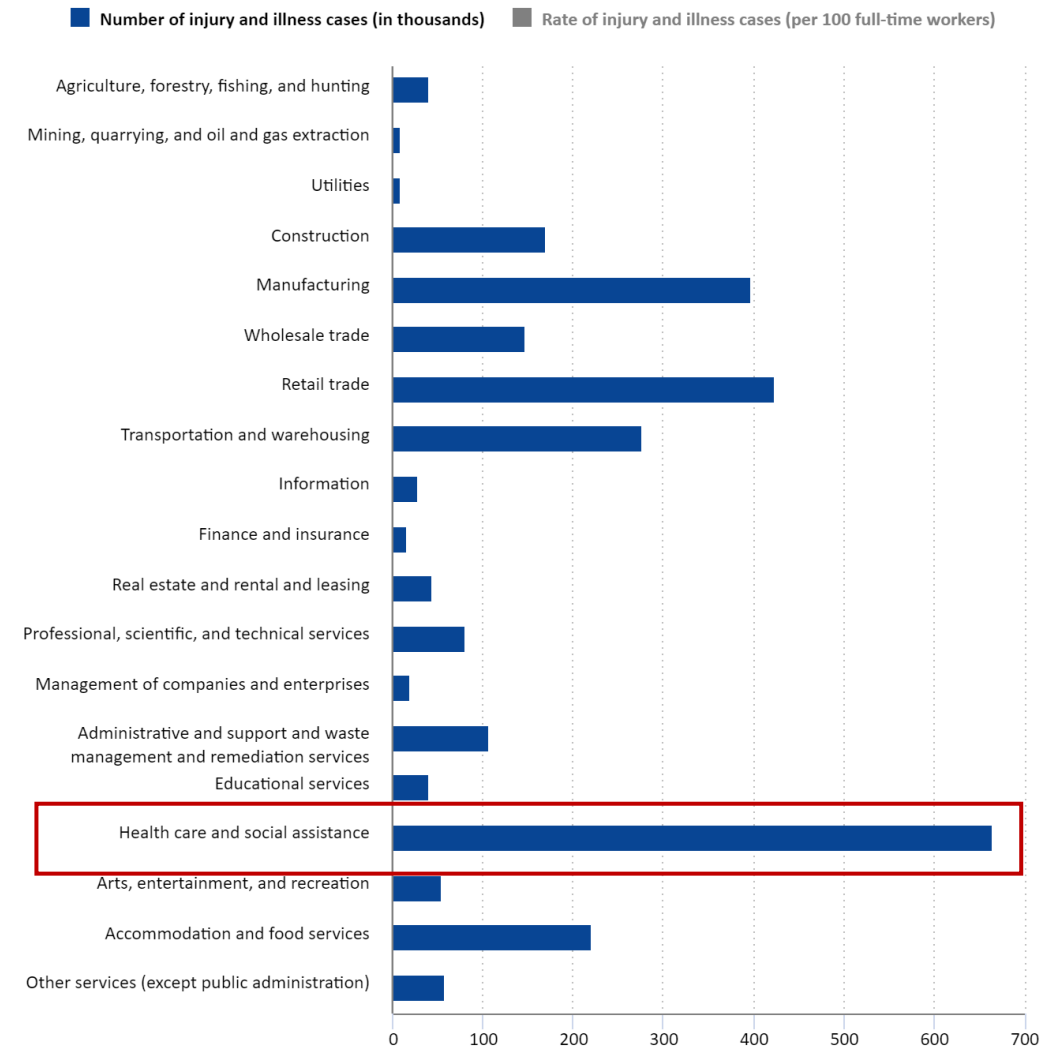
Race and Ethnicity	Occupation	Setting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Black immigrant LTC workers 3 times as likely as White workers to report job strain<sup>(Hurtado, 2012)</sup></li><li>✓ Filipino RNs 4% of the nurse workforce but suffered almost a third of all nurse deaths<sup>(National Nurses United, 2021)</sup></li><li>✓ Among physicians, women, people of color, and younger clinicians are disproportionately likely to experience distress<sup>(Atkins, 2016)</sup></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Direct care workers have significantly higher rates of injury and illness than other U.S. workers; In healthcare rates are highest for NAs<sup>(Campbell, 2018)</sup></li><li>✓ RNs experience higher rates of COVID infection and death than other health care workers<sup>(Barrett, 2020)</sup></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Nursing and residential care facilities have the highest rates of injury and COVID deaths and significantly higher rates of violence than hospital or ambulatory settings. <sup>(BLS, 2018, 2021; The Guardian, 2021)</sup></li><li>✓ Hospital worker COVID deaths concentrated in less prestigious facilities<sup>(The Guardian, 2021)</sup></li></ul>

# Part 2: Safety & Wellbeing

## Nature and Magnitude of the Problem

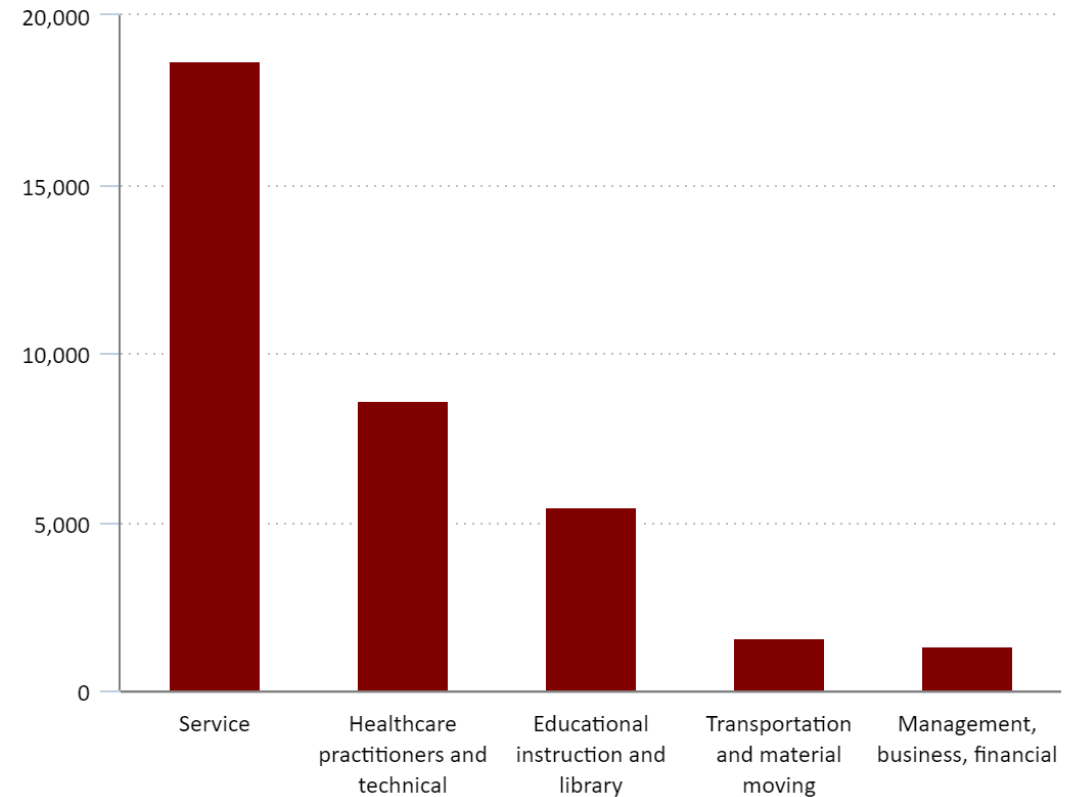
# The United States' 22 million health care workers experience the highest numbers of occupational injuries and illness of all industries.

Number and rate of nonfatal work injuries and illnesses in private industries, 2022



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

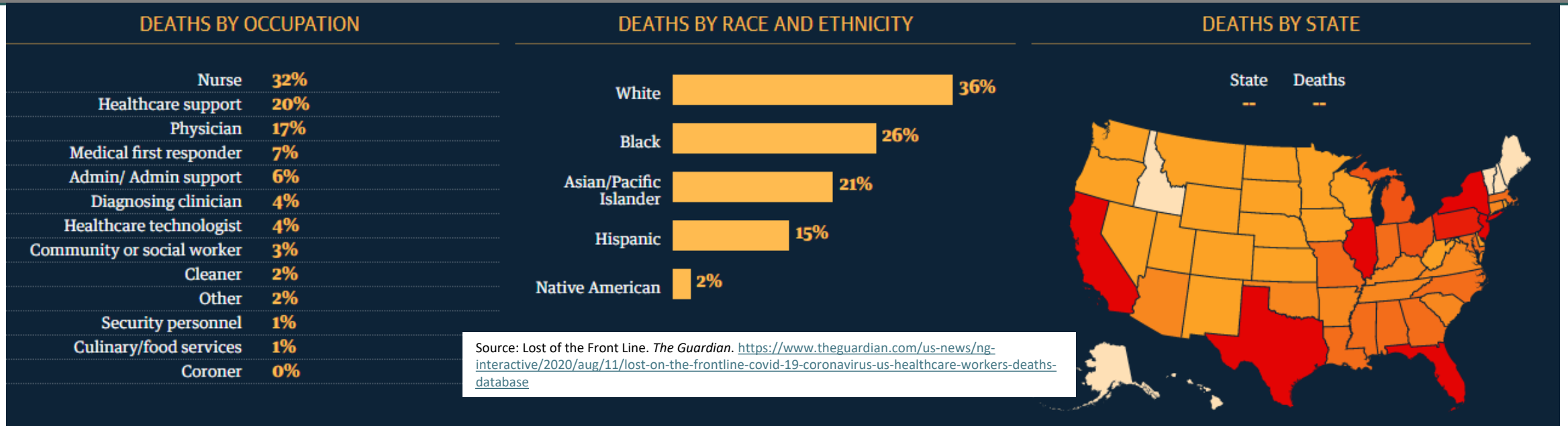
Nonfatal workplace intentional injuries by another person that required at least a day away from work, selected occupational groups, 2020



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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.



# COVID-19 put a spotlight on the hazardous nature of health care work; some of these hazards are modifiable



## Complaints by Selected Essential Industry (totals to date)

2021

**3607**  
US healthcare worker deaths

### November

Date	Healthcare	Retail Trade	Grocery Stores*	Construction	General Warehousing and Storage	Restaurants and Other Eating Places	Automotive Repair
11/07/2021	3,590	1,991	273	500	318	1,145	156

# Psychosocial harms including moral injury and burnout are pervasive & increasing

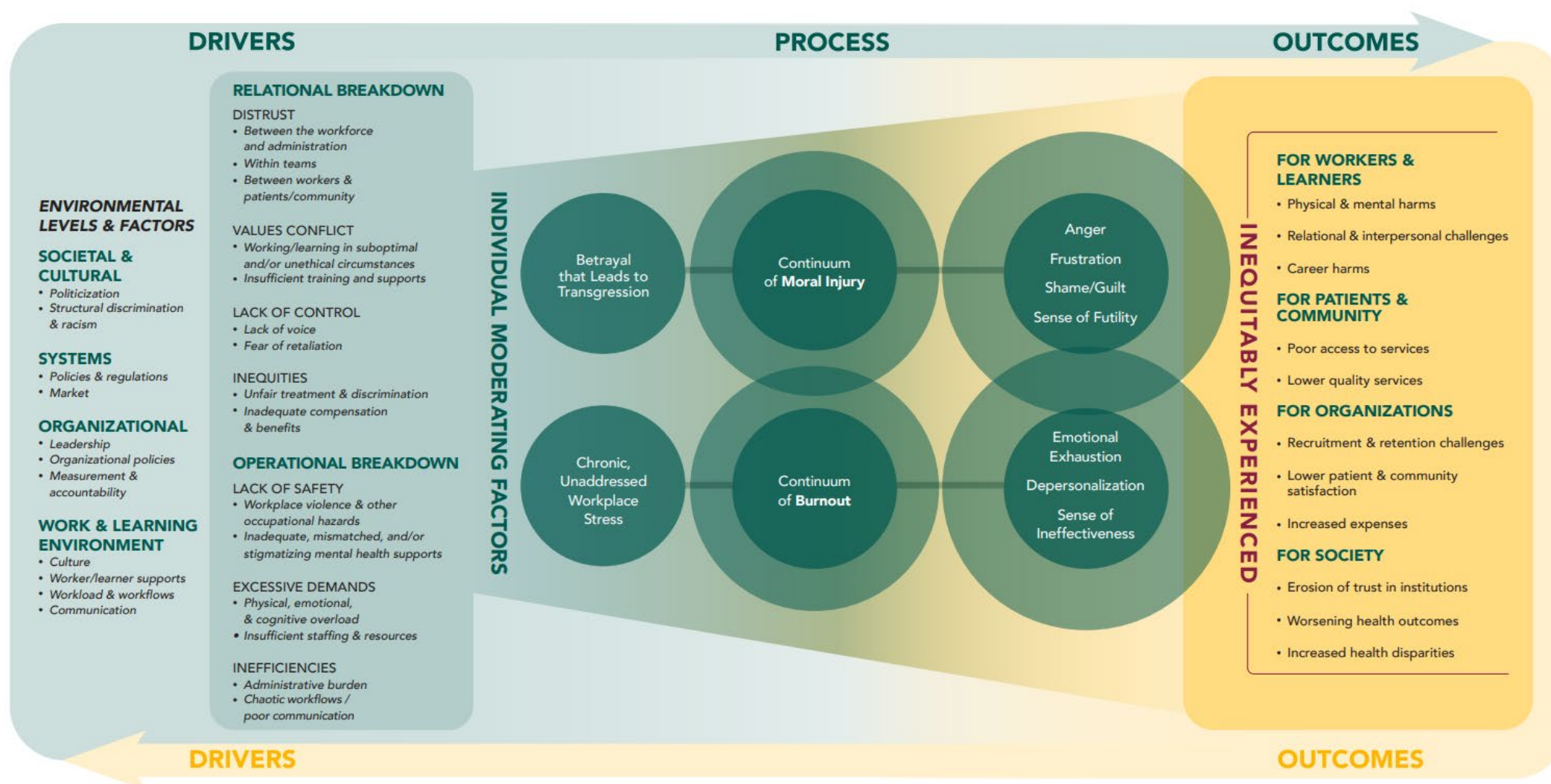
- Pre Covid: Burnout between 35-54% of all healthcare worker
- Burnout rate 60% by the end of 2021.
- Burnout among health care workers associated with alcohol abuse and dependence, social isolation, increased sickness-related absences from work, depression and suicide.
- Suicide among nurses and physicians higher than the general population and for female nurses, more than double their peers in the general population.
- Also related to low job satisfaction, career choice regret, and intent to leave one's job and/or the profession entirely.

**Burnout:** A workplace phenomenon that results from “chronic workplace stress that has not been successfully managed [and is] characterized by three dimensions: 1) feelings of energy depletion or exhaustion; 2) increased mental distance from one’s job, or feelings of negativism or cynicism related to one's job; and 3) a sense of ineffectiveness and lack of accomplishment.”(ICD-11, 2019/21)

**Moral Injury:** Perceived betrayal by a legitimate authority in a high stakes situation,<sup>9</sup> which leads one, through action or inaction, to transgress one’s deeply held moral beliefs and expectations. Moral injury occurs when workers begin to question the moral framework of the system and their own moral framework for continuing to work within that system. (Adapted from Litz, 2009; Dean, 2020)

Health workers have been experiencing increased burnout and moral injury, pointing to overwhelming job demands and challenges in delivering care their patients need.

## Burnout and Moral Injury in the Health and Public Safety Workforce



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# Part 2: Safety & Wellbeing Policies and Programs

# Relational Strategies: Creating Better Working & Learning Environments **for Healthcare Organizations**

## Values Alignment

- Center patients & communities
- Acknowledge moral injury

## Worker/Learner Voice & Trust

- Psychological safety
- Engage workers & learners in co-designing solutions

## Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

- Improve diversity
- Establish equitable & inclusive environments

## Leadership

- Leadership development
- Assess & establish accountability

## Commitment & Governance

- Well-being infrastructure
- Shared governance

## Measurement & Accountability

- Measure retention, turnover, burnout, & MI
- Measure leader behaviors

# Operational Strategies: Creating Better Working & Learning Environments **for Healthcare Organizations**

## Physical & Mental Health Safety

- Occupational safety
- Workplace violence prevention
- Address mental health
- Provide stress/trauma & resilience supports

## Workload & Workflows

- Safe & appropriate staffing
- Optimizing teams
- Reducing administrative burdens
- Maximizing technology

## Reward & Recognition

- Fair & adequate compensation
- Career supports & development

# Government Strategies

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## Leadership, Governance & Voice

- Invest in programs and evaluations
- Worker & Learner Protections

## Aligning Values & DEI

- Policies to align/center patients and communities
- Improve workforce DEI

## Measurement & Accountability

- Directly measure well-being
- Develop organizational metrics for well-being
- Workforce analysis

## Physical & Mental Health Safety

- Strengthen OSHA policies
- Address mental health stigma & protect right to access services

## Workloads & Workflows

- Advance Team-Based Care
- Safe Staffing standards & workforce development
- Reduce admin burden

## Rewards & Recognition

- Ensure adequate compensation & brunch
- Invest in career development programs

# Government Measurement & Accountability

## HRSA HEALTH CENTER WORKFORCE WELL-BEING SURVEY

### Important Things to Know About the Survey

#### What is the purpose of the survey?

HRSA operates the federal Health Center Program and wants to support and enhance the well-being of health center staff across the country. HRSA will administer its first national Health Center Workforce Well-being Survey to identify factors that impact workforce well-being, recruitment, retention, and the quality of patient care at our health centers. The survey will launch in the fall of 2022. It will be open to all full- and part-time staff across HRSA-supported health centers.

The results will help HRSA identify common challenges and solutions in common. These plans

### Explore Health Center Workforce Well-being Survey Data

Domain Summary Overview

Domain Detail

Domain Question Detail

Single Characteristic Summary

Filter Data by Staff Characteristics

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None

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 Region

(All)

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# Protecting workers' health and well-being

## What does the California Ratios Law Actually Require?



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# Domain 6: State Level Measurement and Assessment

# Fair and Safe Working Conditions: Focus on State Performance

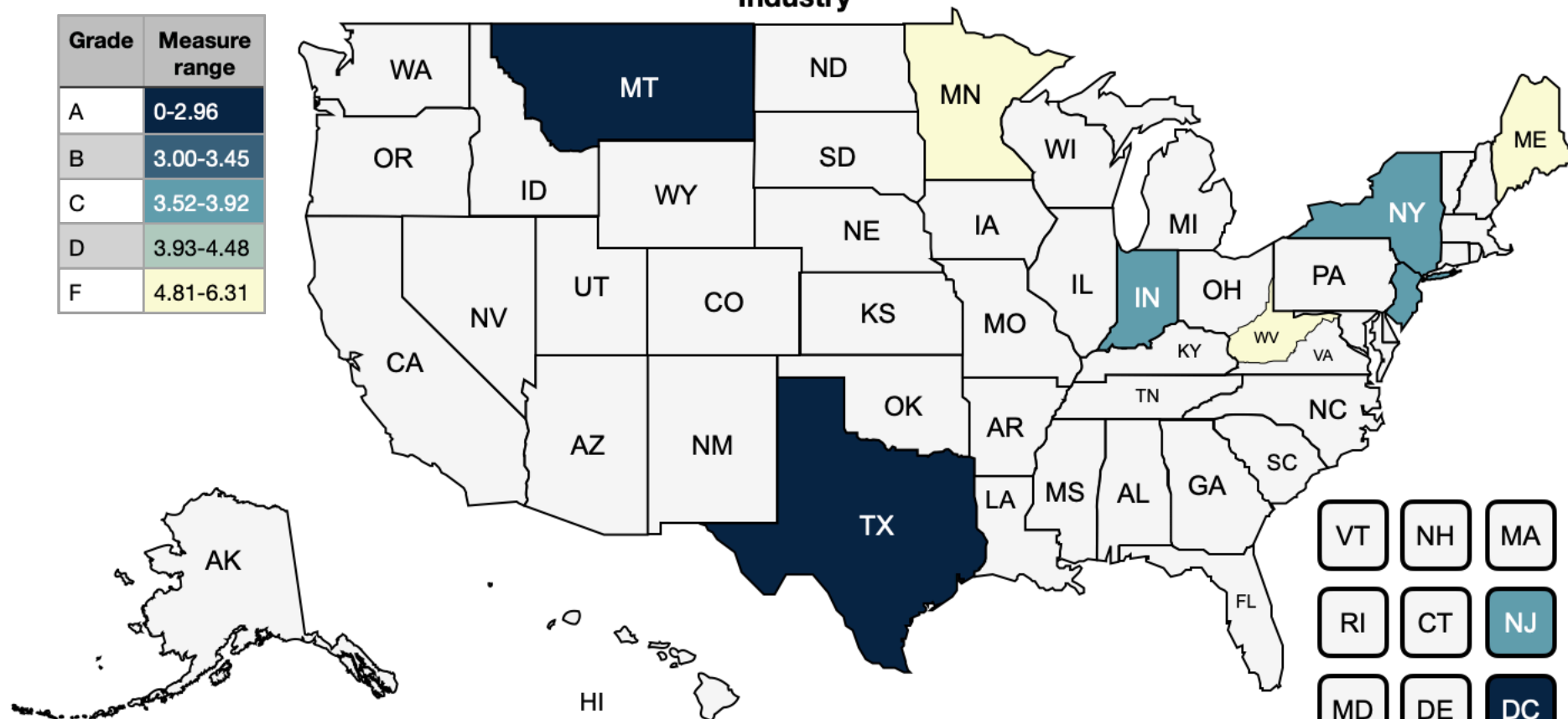
Metric	Definition	Data Sources
<b>Occupational injury and illness</b>	The total number of recordable work-related injuries and illnesses per 100,000 workers in the healthcare industry.	Injuries, Illnesses, and Fatalities System, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
<b>Nurse-to-patient ratios</b>	State mean number of nursing hours per patient day at the hospital level	American Hospital Association (AHA) annual survey data
<b>Health care support worker wages</b>	Mean hourly wages of healthcare support workers by state, adjusted for cost of living.	Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS), U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
<b>Financial strain</b>	Within each state, the percentage of direct care home care workers earning less than 138% of the federal poverty level.	PHI - Analysis of Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) from the American Community Survey (ACS)
<b>Health insurance coverage</b>	Within each state, the percentage of direct care workers with any health insurance	PHI - Analysis of Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) from the American Community Survey (ACS)



### Domain 6: Safe Working Conditions

#### HWE 6-a-1: Number of Recordable Work-related Injuries and Illnesses per 100,000 Workers in the Healthcare Industry

Grade	Measure range
A	0-2.96
B	3.00-3.45
C	3.52-3.92
D	3.93-4.48
F	4.81-6.31

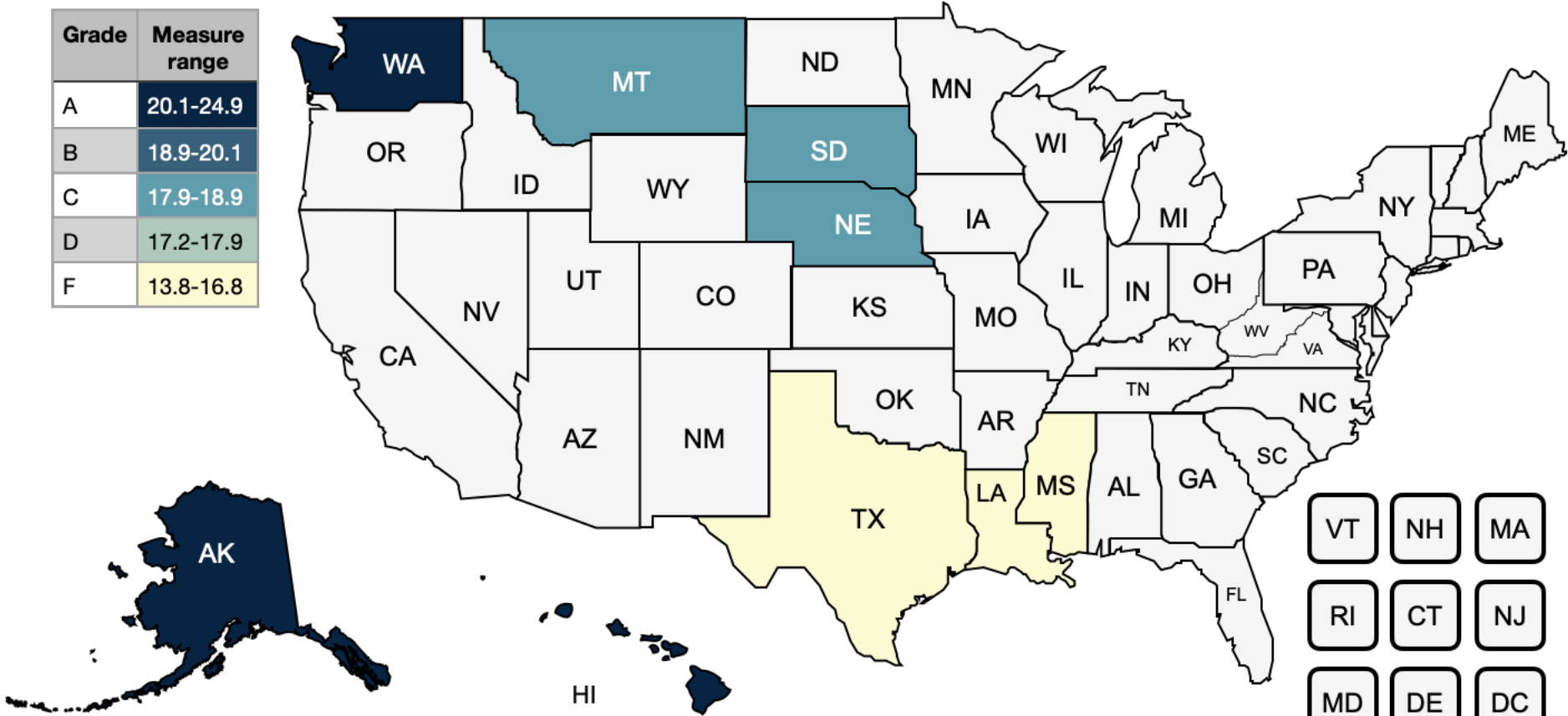


VT	NH	MA
RI	CT	NJ
MD	DE	DC

Highest	National Median	Lowest
West Virginia (6.31)	3.61	Montana (0)

**Domain 6: Safe Working Conditions**  
**HWE 6-b-1: Mean Hourly Wages of Healthcare Support Workers**

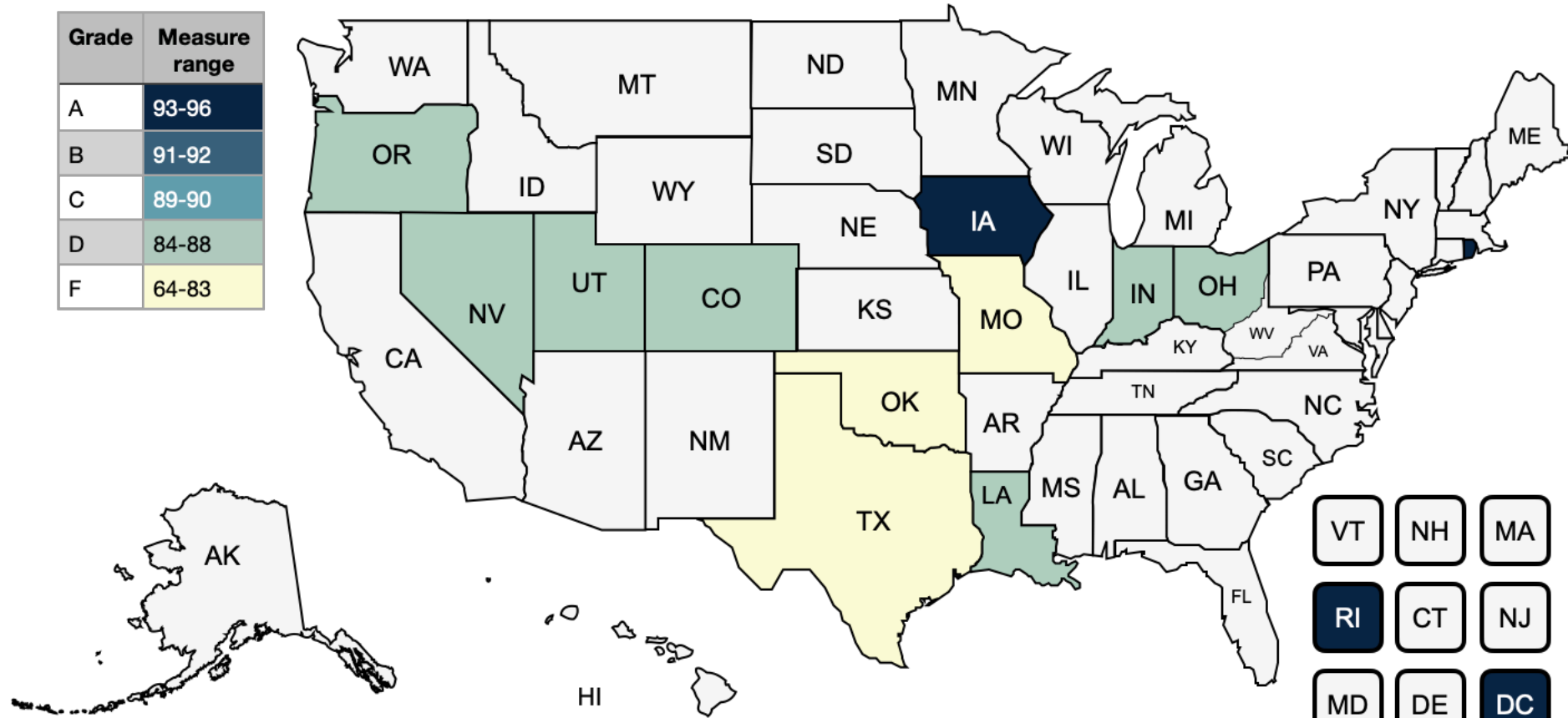
Grade	Measure range
A	20.1-24.9
B	18.9-20.1
C	17.9-18.9
D	17.2-17.9
F	13.8-16.8



Highest	National Median	Lowest
Hawaii (\$24.99)	\$18.28	Louisiana (\$13.87)

**Domain 6: Safe Working Conditions**  
**HWE 6-b-3: Percent of Direct Care Home Care Workers with Any Health Insurance**






Grade	Measure range
A	93-96
B	91-92
C	89-90
D	84-88
F	64-83



Highest	National Median	Lowest
Rhode Island (96%)	88%	Texas (64%)

VT	NH	MA
RI	CT	NJ
MD	DE	DC

# Mullan Institute Resources

Mullan Institute website	HWE Evidence Reviews	Health Workforce Trackers (including the Medicaid Tracker)	Workforce Change Collaborative Website: Actionable Strategies	HWE Metrics State Performance Maps (beta version)	Social Media Handles
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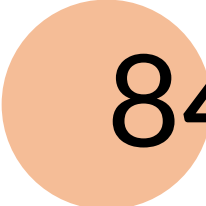


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