**2021 *Health Disparities Report***

Email to Colleagues

**Subject:** America’s Health Rankings Inaugural Health Disparities Report

Dear Members:

As we continue to navigate the unprecedented public health challenges that our members and all Americans have faced throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, understanding and addressing disparities in health and well-being is more important than ever.By recognizing both the progress we have made in improving health outcomes and the large disparities that persist, we can drive dialogue and inform solutionsto improve the overall health of all our communities and advance health equity.

I am pleased to share the inaugural *America’s Health Rankings*®[*Health Disparities Report*](https://www.americashealthrankings.org/?utm_source=stakeholdertoolkitexternal&utm_medium=emaildraft&utm_campaign=2021disparities&utm_content=in-line_one&utm_term=news), released by the United Health Foundation and developed with guidance from a National Advisory Committee comprised of leading public health experts. Building on 31 years of data and reporting from *America’s Health Rankings*, the *Health Disparities Report* documents the **breadth, depth and persistence of health disparities** across the nation to inform action for advancing health equity.

This new report provides objective data documenting the constant and changing contours of disparities for the nation, all 50 states and the District of Columbia by gender, geography, educational attainment and race and ethnicity. The report’s findings underscore the broad and deep nature of health disparities, while documenting their persistence over time, despite progress in some areas.

The impact of the pandemic underscores the need for a greater emphasis on solutions to address health disparities across a variety of population groups, including geography, education level, gender and race and ethnicity. As you know, our organization continues to focus on ways we can best serve disadvantaged populations and advance health equity, including [customize for each organization’s mission and focus on health disparities/health equity].

I encourage you to visit the [*America's Health Rankings* website](https://www.americashealthrankings.org/?utm_source=stakeholdertoolkitexternal&utm_medium=emaildraft&utm_campaign=2021disparities&utm_content=in-line_one&utm_term=news) to view the full 2021 *Health Disparities Report* and access new web tools, including the entire suite of *America’s Health Rankings* data, to better understand and improve the health of all communities and ultimately achieve health equity.

Thank you for your ongoing support and please reach out with any questions about how we can best use this data to advance our mission moving forward.

Sincerely,

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Organization Head