



“Of all the forms of inequality, health care injustice is the most shocking and inhumane.”

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RACIAL EQUITY IN HEALTH

Health Care for America Now and the Health Care for America Education Fund have developed a statement of purpose that describes ten principles that need to be included in any health care reform. One of those core principles is **“Equity in health care, access, treatment, research and resources to people and communities of color, resulting in the elimination of racial disparities in health outcomes and real improvement in health and life expectancy.”**

Even when factors such as insurance status, income, age, and severity of conditions are comparable, racial and ethnic minorities receive lower quality of health care than white people. The inequities for racial and ethnic minorities include: poor quality of treatment services; lack of state of the art medical facilities; lack of data collection; language and cultural barriers; few health care practitioners of color and lack of medical facilities located in communities of color.

The Health Care for America Education Fund is committed to:

- Formulating policy solutions that effectively address health inequities as part of comprehensive health care reform; and
- Building and executing a million-strong national project that looks like America and makes sure that communities of color are among the leaders of the movement, and are prepared to implement the solution.

Specifically, the Health Care for America Education Fund Racial Equities Project will:

- Convene organizations that represent major communities of color that have an interest and knowledge of health care in their communities, and the ability to communicate with and mobilize their constituencies and organizations that have been thinking about and organizing on these issues; and
- Develop a national public education and advocacy campaign on health inequities.

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