

Dept. of Health Services: DHS, Office of Health Equity celebrate 2023 Minority Health Month

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The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), along with the [Office of Health Equity](#), today join Gov. Tony Evers and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Minority Health (OMH) in recognizing National Minority Health Month. This year's theme, "[Better Health Through Better Understanding](#)" highlights the importance of the [Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services \(CLAS\)](#) model which aims to eliminate racial health disparities and advance health equity through using culturally and linguistically competent health care services, information, and resources.

"Each month, and especially during April, we strive to raise awareness about the health disparities affecting our state's diverse racial and ethnic minority populations," said DHS Secretary-designee Kirsten Johnson. "This month also provides us the opportunity to recommit to our mission - to protect and promote the health and safety for all Wisconsinites - by improving the health of marginalized populations in our state through robust partnerships, supporting community capacity and leadership, delivering culturally competent health education and preventative health services, along with supporting our Office of Health Equity and Minority Health Program."

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