

## Impact of Congressional Caucuses

There are a number of Congressional Membership Organizations that bring members of Congress together around common interests and causes. These include the caucuses listed below, which each have a long history of promoting the interests of racial or ethnic minority communities through legislation, briefings, summits, and other activities. Each of these caucuses is actively engaged in reducing health disparities.

### CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS

The Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) was established in 1971 with a commitment to empower African Americans and other marginalized communities in the U.S. One of the policy priorities for the Caucus is to expand access to affordable, quality health care and eliminate racial health disparities. The CBC Health Braintrust serves as a platform for advancing legislative and policy solutions that will lead to greater health equity.

### CONGRESSIONAL HISPANIC CAUCUS

The Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC) was founded in December 1976 to address issues and craft policies that impact the Hispanic community throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Caucus has a Healthcare Task Force that focuses on issues including access to affordable care, promoting public health, and addressing health disparities for Hispanics.

### CONGRESSIONAL ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN CAUCUS

The Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) was established in 1994 and is committed to promoting the well-being of the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. CAPAC works to establish and advance legislation and policies that reflect the needs of AAPI community members. The CAPAC Healthcare Task Force has a mission to eliminate health disparities and improve access to health care for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

### CONGRESSIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN CAUCUS

The Congressional Native American Caucus was founded in 1997 with a commitment to advancing the federal government's nation-to-nation relationship with tribal governments. The Caucus works to amplify the voices of American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians across a broad range of policy issues, including health, by maintaining close relationships with tribal nations and their representatives, convening briefings, and sharing information on legislative proposals impacting Native Americans.