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Guarantee that everyone has equitable access to comprehensive health insurance coverage.	 Require public insurance coverage options, such as Medicaid, Medicare, CHIP, etc., to provide equitable comprehensive coverage and access to underserved and underrepresented populations. Enforce and strengthen oversight of private insurance providers, including those in the ACA Marketplaces, to assure equity in issuance and quality of coverage. Protect, enforce, and expand federal non-discrimination statutes to assure everyone has access to comprehensive coverage.
Promote an inclusive health care delivery system that equitably delivers high- quality, affordable, accessible care to all patients.	 Address the lack of access to quality primary care, specialty care, emergency providers, equipment, and other resources in underserved communities through improved health infrastructure, including digital patient solutions (telehealth, remote patient monitoring, etc.) when appropriate. Ensure the proper ongoing training of the health care work force, including medical students and others being educated to enter the workforce, to recognize and address implicit and conscious bias. Educate the health care work force on issues that impact how they can best serve their individual patients including how different diseases present in different populations and cultural, religious, lingual, and other factors. Promote the diversification of the health care work force. Support (e.g., education, patient-friendly materials, navigators) that is developed in partnership with underserved and underrepresented populations and trusted community entities to help patients and their families be informed health care consumers and advocates for their care. Protect, enforce, and expand federal non-discrimination statutes to assure everyone has access to the health care treatments and services they need.

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Address inequity in the social determinants of health to address health disparities.	 Support policies that address social determinants of health including economic stability, education, safe and healthy communities and environments, nutrition, transportation, and housing, particularly those that disproportionately impact underserved and underrepresented populations. Advocate for and enable health care payers and providers to address social determinants of health. Evaluate racial bias in algorithms used to manage health of populations.
Ensure the biomedical and health-system ecosystem support equity in development of new and innovative treatments.	 Involve underrepresented populations and advocacy groups in the development of research priorities and trial design to ensure appropriate representativeness in patient-focused drug development, the research workforce, and participation in clinical trials Develop effective treatment labeling and patient and provider materials pertinent to all relevant populations and subpopulations. Remove barriers to clinical trial participation, including usage of decentralized trials and digital tools, for underserved and underrepresented populations and provide education to increase clinical trial awareness and appreciation of their value. Support the creation and dissemination of understandable and actionable information about clinical trial participation that is developed in partnership with underserved and underrepresented populations, trusted community entities, and providers to help patients and their families better understand the availability and benefit of clinical trials. Promote quality measurement and health-system research that is inclusive and addresses issues affecting underserved and underrepresented populations. Build a comprehensive and transparent data infrastructure that specifically tracks access to care, health outcomes, and the impact of chronic diseases and disabilities for underserved and underrepresented populations.