# Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Healthcare Disparities: Two and a Half Case Studies

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# Background

- Collecting and reporting quality measures by Race and Ethnicity since 1997
  - HEDIS and state unique measures
  - Race/ ethnicity in MMIS since 1986
- Conducted Consumer Assessment of Health Plans and Systems (CAHPS) since 1998
  - State Medicaid program contracts to do CAHPS for each of the managed care plans and FFS (80% Managed Care, 20% FFS)
  - Over-sampled by race and ethnicity in 2004, 2008, and 2011
  - Reweighted and reported results for all questions by plan, by race
  - Included Children with Chronic Conditions module in '08 and '11

# Case One

- CAHPS, plan level results stratified by Race and Ethnicity
- Observed Between Plan Variation on Customer Service
  - Looked at differences by race and ethnicity
  - One plan with poor rating among Hispanic/Latino members
    - Problem: after-hours call in number did not have "For Spanish press 2" option
  - Plan is now above average in overall rating, including customer service

# Case Two

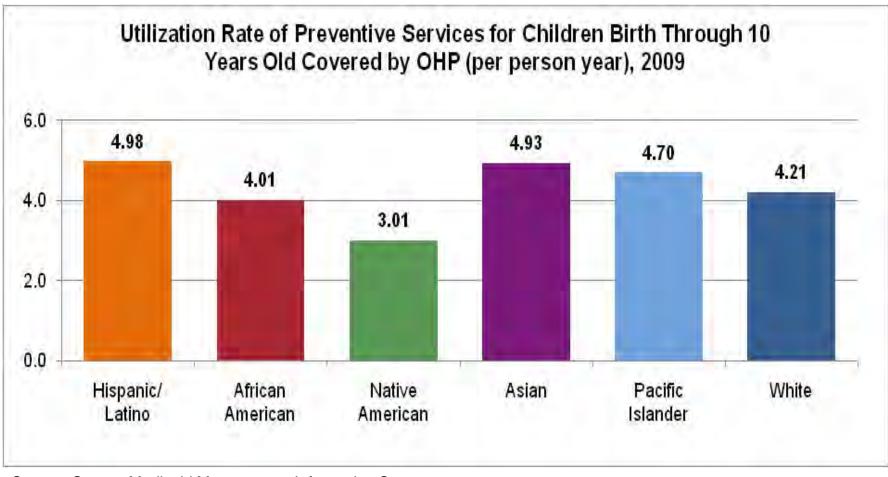
- Followed the Centers for Health Care Strategies, Best Clinical and Administrative Practices (BCAP®) Quality Framework
- Formed a Community Partnership with the African American Health Care Coalition and volunteer Medicaid Managed Care Plans
- Identified All Diabetic African Americans (on Medicaid in Oregon)

# Case Two (continued)

- Action
  - Used administrative data, identified those without an indication of HbA1c, or LDL in past year
  - Concurrent outreach barbers, beauticians, and churches; specially designed printed materials and telephone outreach
- Results
  - Year over year, a 27% improvement
- Lesson
  - Tried same approach only with those identified as Hispanic or Latino
  - Results were not the same

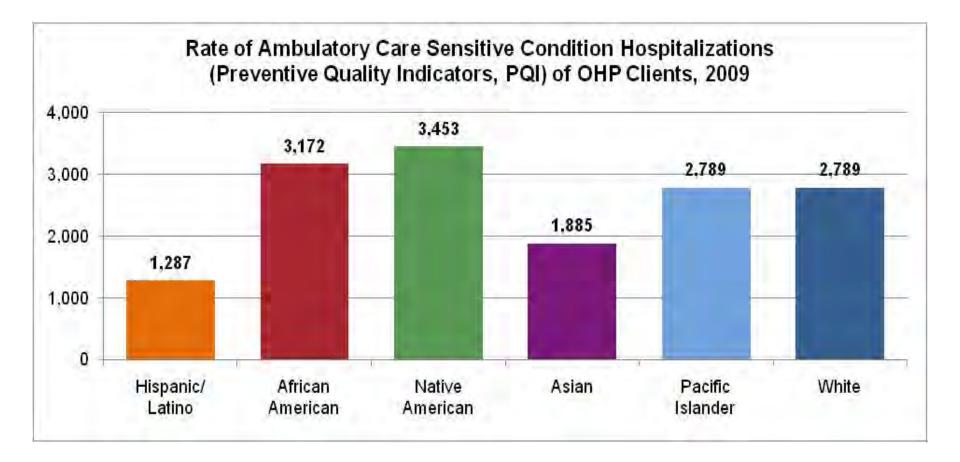
- Using the provision of preventive services by race and plan
- Using Prevention Quality Indicators (PQIs) by race and plan

### Rate of Preventive Services for Children Birth to 10



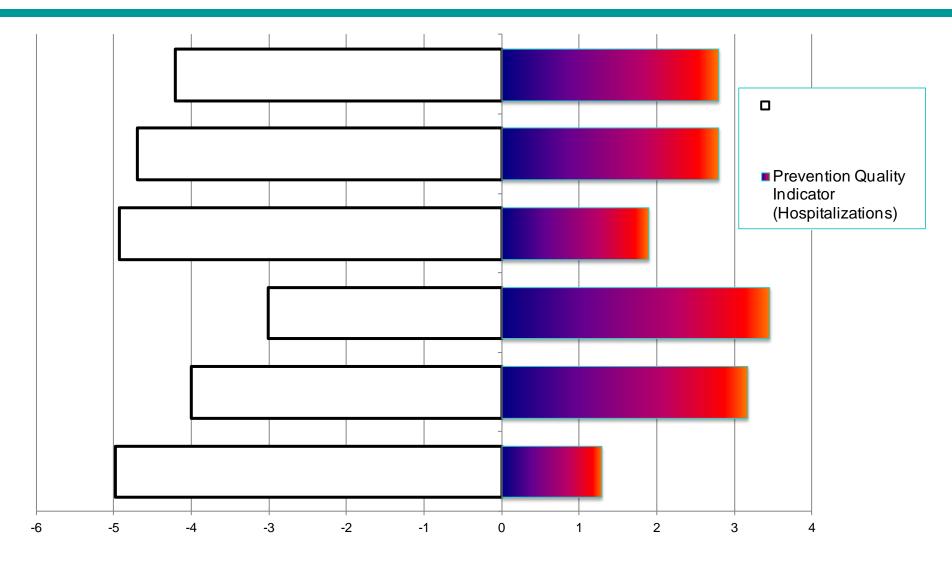
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# Adult Aggregate Rate: Prevention Quality Indicators



Source: Oregon Medicaid Management Information System

### Next Steps: Explore, Discuss and Change



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