

As a member of East Boston Neighborhood Health WellSense Alliance, your primary healthcare is provided by NeighborHealth. NeighborHealth is a group of primary care providers who formed an accountable care organization, or ACO, to deliver primary care and care coordination to their MassHealth patients.

WellSense Health Plan has partnered with NeighborHealth as East Boston Neighborhood Health WellSense Alliance to provide MassHealth insurance coverage to their patients. We also partner with several other ACOs to do the same.

Each of these ACOs, including NeighborHealth, has made a commitment to the MassHealth program to promote health equity and close health disparities within the communities we serve together.

Below is a summary of the health equity activities that NeighborHealth is pursuing for their MassHealth members. We are excited to collaborate with NeighborHealth and our other ACO partners as they carry out their individual health equity initiatives.

We are sharing this summary of the health equity strategic plan that NeighborHealth submitted to MassHealth to help our members understand what their healthcare providers are working on.

Thank you,

WellSense Health Plan



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hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html

## Health Equity Strategic Plan (HESP) Executive Summary for East Boston Neighborhood Health WellSense Alliance

Updated October 2024

How the ACO/MCO defines health equity. Health equity is defined as the fair and just opportunity to be as healthy as possible. This includes a fair and just distribution of social resources and social opportunity and requires removing obstacles to health such as poverty, discrimination, and their consequences, including powerlessness. East Boston Neighborhood Health WellSense Alliance (NeighborHealth) ensures that all individuals have an equal opportunity to achieve their highest level of health, without disparities based on factors like socioeconomic status, race, or geography.

What the ACO/MCO hopes to achieve in the next four years related to health quality and equity. EBNHC-WS ACO (NeighborHealth) is committed to three significant goals to enhance healthcare quality and equity. First, we will strive to increase DSOGI data collection to 70% completeness by 2027, recognizing the need for training and clear communication to overcome potential patient and staff discomfort. Second, we will boost HRSN screening rates by 100% by focusing on integrating questions into eCheck-in while ensuring ALL identified social needs are adequately addressed. Lastly, the ACO will target >50% of patient-facing staff to complete disability competency training by 2027. Each goal reflects a commitment to holistic and patient-centered healthcare practices, acknowledging and addressing potential challenges with strategic actions and performance metrics.

How the ACO/MCO considers member and community experiences in overall health equity efforts. EBNHC-WS ACO (NeighborHealth) engages with its community through various partnerships to address healthcare and broader community needs. Collaborations include initiatives with the East Boston Collaborative for Family, East Boston Social Center, Eliot Community Human Services, Harborside Adult Education Center, Maverick Landing Community Services, North Suffolk Mental Health Association, Project Bread, and Community Services. These partnerships encompass services such as education, housing support, mental health services, and nutrition programs, reflecting a comprehensive approach to community well-being.

EBNHC-WS ACO (NeighborHealth) has established a Community Health Equity Council that includes members, providers, community leaders, and staff to incorporate MassHealth members' and community voices into its health equity strategic planning. The ACO emphasizes the importance of centering members' voices into work and plans to create a welcoming and inclusive environment for member engagement.