ADVANCING POLICY
TO DRIVE HEALTH EQUITY

About OCHIN
As a nationwide network, we innovate and partner to remove barriers and transform health care delivery, so that everyone has a fair opportunity to achieve their full health potential.

Health Equity
OCHIN addresses differences in health that are systemic, avoidable, and unjust. We work to close the gap in health for individuals and communities negatively impacted by racism or other structural inequities.

Virtual Health System
OCHIN’s network includes more than 21,000 providers who reach over 6 million diverse patients nationally—the largest network of community-based providers in the country.

Data-driven Solutions
OCHIN advances data-driven research and evidence-based best practices that expand access to high-quality, affordable health care in marginalized and underserved communities.

Our Members
OCHIN serves a national network of locally-controlled organizations who provide independent, community-based care to patients across a variety of health care settings, including:

- Community Health Centers
- Correctional Facilities
- Critical Access Hospitals
- School-based Clinics
- Public Health Departments
- Behavioral Health Providers
- HIV/AIDS Care Organizations
- Dental Clinics

The OCHIN Network Supports:

- 21,000 providers in
- Nearly 1,000 health care delivery sites across
- 45 states

We Reach Underserved Communities

- 6M+ patients

Nearly 1 out of 2 network patients are on Medicaid, and 1/4 are uninsured

Nearly 1 out of 3 network patients prefer care in a language other than English*

3 out of 5 network patients have chronic conditions*

2 out of 5 network patients identify as people of color; nearly 1/3 are Hispanic (of any race)

*OCHIN Epic patients only
OCHIN POLICY PRIORITIES

OCHIN champions policies that:

**Sustain and Transform Community-based Care for the Underserved**

Community-based providers face significant challenges meeting today’s growing needs, while innovating to meet tomorrow’s new demands. Scaling sustainable health care delivery and payment models that increase equitable access for marginalized and underserved communities is a national priority. To succeed, reliable, inclusive, and actionable data is needed to manage population health, improve clinical care, realize cost efficiencies, and inform policy decisions.

We urge policymakers to:

- Strengthen and drive policies that increase access to community-based care.
- Expand and optimize predictable virtual care payment and regulation.
- Drive new payment models, such as value-based care, and innovation pilots that prioritize equity.
- Standardize the digital collection, exchange, and reporting of health data for equitable evidence-based care.

**Close the Digital Divide to Drive Equity for Patients and Providers**

Closing the digital divide will provide a national infrastructure for advancing equity and innovation in health care, while addressing a range of social determinants of health. Predictable, ongoing investment to maintain and accelerate widespread connectivity and adoption of digital solutions will remove structural barriers to 21st-century health care.

We urge policymakers to:

- Modernize and improve digital health information infrastructure and tools for patients and providers to improve public health and clinical care.
- Accelerate broadband connectivity for community-based providers, as well as last-mile connection for underserved patients and rural communities.
- Invest in community-based workforce development and training at the intersection of health and technology to cultivate community resilience and culturally competent care.

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