



## **The Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2024**

The Health Equity and Accountability Act (HEAA) is a comprehensive and strategic legislative roadmap that aims to eliminate racial and ethnic health inequities. HEAA is the only legislation that directly addresses the intersection of health inequities with race and ethnicity, as well as immigration status, age, disability, sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, language, and socio-economic status. Since 2003, HEAA has been introduced by the Congressional Tri-Caucus, comprised of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC). The CAPAC is leading the introduction of HEAA for the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress, and Congresswoman Barbara Lee (CAPAC Health Task Force Co-Chair) and Senator Mazie Hirono are the lead sponsors.

Over 300 racial and health equity organizations, researchers, provider groups, and community-based organizations have contributed to the development of HEAA since its inception. Additionally, over 150 Members of Congress have co-sponsored HEAA over the past decade.

HEAA builds on the gains made under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and lays out a vision of additional investments and policy reforms Congress should make to enhance the health and well-being of communities that are underserved and marginalized, address systemic health inequities, and ensure access to high quality and affordable health care for all.

**View the Section by Section summary of HEAA's 10 titles from the 118th Congress [here](#).**

TITLE I: Data Collection and Reporting

TITLE II: Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Health and Health Care

TITLE III: Health Workforce Diversity

TITLE IV: Improving Health Care Access and Quality

TITLE V: Improving Health Outcomes for Women, Gender-Diverse People, Children, and Families

TITLE VI: Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders

TITLE VII: Addressing High-Impact Minority Diseases

TITLE VIII: Health Information Technology

TITLE IX: Accountability and Evaluation

TITLE X: Addressing Social Determinants and Improving Environmental Justice

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