

National Hispanic Heritage Month: Celebrating the Latino Community's Impact on Health

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The day 15th of September marks the beginning of National Hispanic Heritage Month, and U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra issued a statement highlighting the significant contributions of the Latino community to the health of the nation.

In his statement, Secretary Becerra praised Latinos for their role in healthcare as doctors, nurses, and community workers, helping millions of people across the country. He emphasized how Latinos have driven innovations in science and health care, and are working to ensure access to quality, affordable healthcare for all Americans.

As the first Latino to serve as Secretary of Health and Human Services, Becerra expressed pride in the Biden-Harris Administration's efforts to expand healthcare access. He noted that over the past three years, historic actions have been taken to lower healthcare costs, close equity gaps, and support underserved communities.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more than 5 million Latinos now have health insurance. DACA recipients can also sign up for healthcare for the first time. The administration has lowered prescription drug costs for seniors and invested in behavioral health care, making mental health services more accessible, including the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline available in Spanish.

While acknowledging the progress, Becerra stressed that challenges remain. Latinos are still less likely to have health insurance and face cultural and language barriers when accessing healthcare. The community also continues to experience rising suicide rates and higher risks for conditions like cancer and diabetes.

With over 65 million Latinos in the U.S., Secretary Becerra called for continued investment in their health and well-being as the nation celebrates National Hispanic Heritage Month.

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