



Aetna Better Health® of Illinois hosts Community Health Councils to promote health equity and social impact

DOWNERS GROVE, Ill., Feb. 14, 2024 – Aetna Better Health® of Illinois, a CVS Health® company (NYSE: [CVS](#)), continues to host Community Health Councils, an initiative aimed at addressing the most pressing social needs within local communities across the state. Local Community Health Councils, facilitated by an Aetna Better Health partner, help foster collaboration, identify focus areas and implement data-driven solutions to improve the overall well-being of Illinois.

“Feedback from our members and the community helps us build and maintain a health care plan that meets, and oftentimes exceeds, the needs of various member populations in our health plan,” said Rushil Desai, CEO of Aetna Better Health of Illinois. “Our Community Health Councils underscore our commitment to bring healthy solutions to the communities we serve, where we listen to their needs and create programs that brings solutions to plaguing issues.”

The primary goal of the Community Health Councils is to create healthier individuals and communities by bridging gaps in public health program planning and evaluation. The local councils serve as a platform for stakeholders to engage in a collaborative setting. Under the guidance of Aetna Better Health partners, council members work to pinpoint focus areas and implement solutions that yield measurable results. They are also driven by data, ensuring that solutions are precisely tailored to the unique needs of each Illinois community.

Aetna Better Health of Illinois is committed to fostering a healthier and more equitable Illinois, one community at a time. By collaborating with community members, organizations and systems, they strive to create a positive, lasting impact on the health and wellbeing of all Illinoisans.

Aetna Better Health of Illinois offers access to quality, affordable health care to individuals through the state's HealthChoice Illinois Medicaid program. The health plan serves over 420,000 members in 102 counties. For more information about Aetna Better Health® of Illinois, visit our website, www.aetnabetterhealth.com/illinois-medicaid.

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