

Health Care– Pillar Workgroup Discussion - SOS 2017 – Atlanta, GA
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Two questions to consider:

- Policies in your state that could make a difference in obesity?
- Issues/activities that can impact equity/disparities?

Healthcare System Policies

1. Payment from Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services
 - Coding and reimbursement
 - Metrics
 - Childhood obesity prevention & treatment reimbursement
2. Bariatric surgery coverage

Other Policies:

- 1 State level - # of PE Minutes
- 2 Maternity leave
- 3 Modifications to SNAP/Federal policy – enhance healthy food access

Addressing Equity/Inequity:

- Ensure health care professionals are receiving training and considering education/language/culture in all healthcare system services
- Understand Cultural norms
- Address / consider potential biases that may be in the "evidence-based practices" we promote; and that often result from intervention efforts with predominantly white populations
- Use people first language - obesity is a disease; a person is not "obese" - a person has the condition of obesity
- Meet people where they are - what they can handle for action given social, psychological, economic issues
- Ensure equity and disparity considerations are included during planning phase and part of the complete strategy for any healthcare interventions