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To: IEHP Medi-Cal PCPs
From: IEHP – Provider Services
Date: September 7, 2023
Subject: **Invitation to Equity Practice & Transformation Payments Program – Information Session and Dinner**

We are hosting an **Equity Practice & Transformation Payments Program – Information Session and Dinner** on **Wednesday, September 20, 2023**.

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is launching the Equity and Practice Transformation (EPT) program, a one-time \$700 million program focused on transforming primary care practices to advance health equity and reduce Covid-19-driven care disparities.

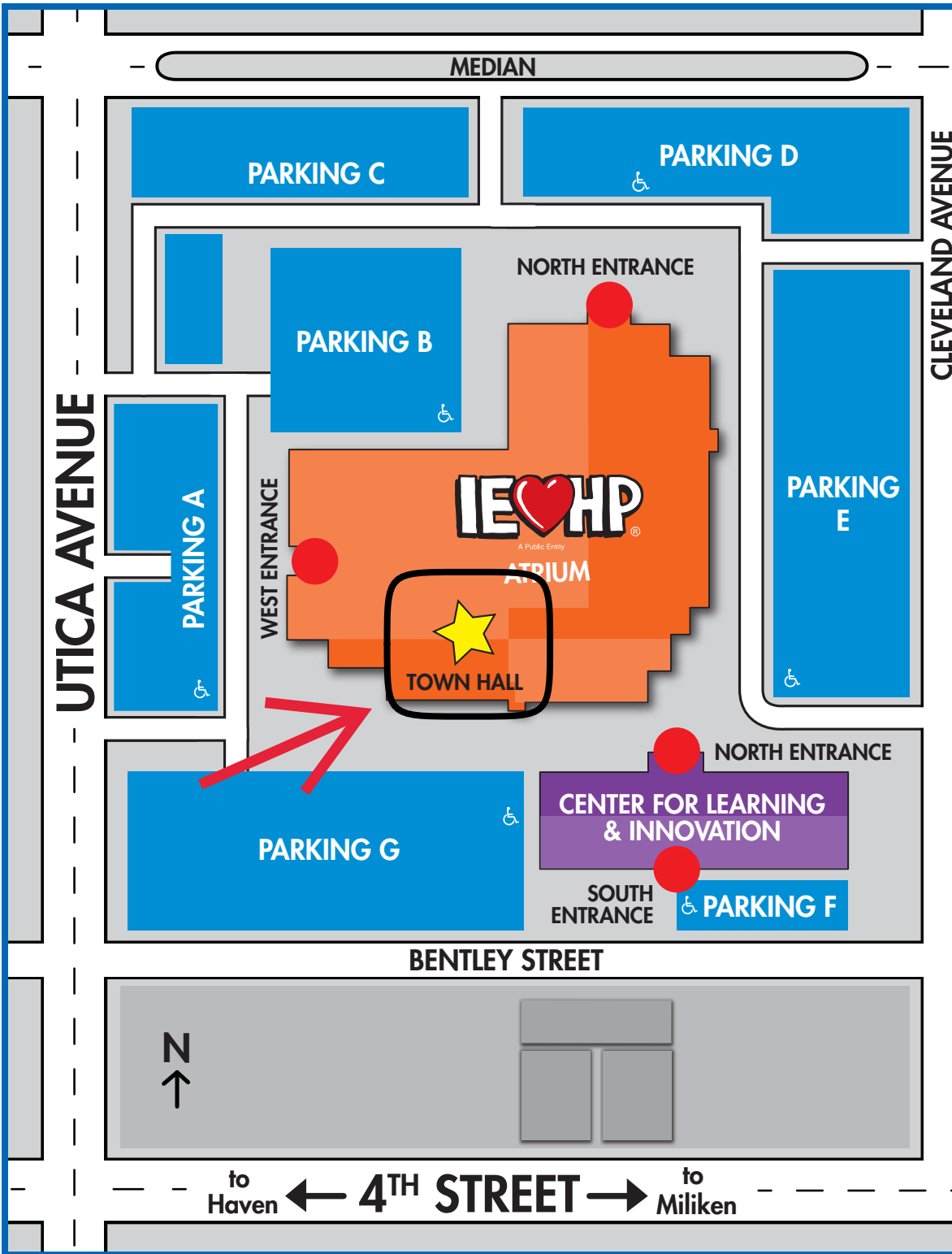
Please see attached for more information about this program.

We hope you will attend and learn how Equity Practice & Transformation Payments may benefit your practice and patients! This meeting will be held in-person at IEHP but you can choose to attend virtually.

	Meeting
Date	Wednesday, September 20, 2023 *Please RSVP by September 18th
Time	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM * (Dinner begins at 5:00 P.M. and the Presentation starts at 5:30 P.M.)
Location	Inland Empire Health Plan Town Hall 10801 Sixth Street Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730 Enter through North Entrance (Map attached) If attending virtually, the link to the meeting will be sent by September 20
RSVP via link here or scan QR Code with a mobile device	

If you have any questions, please email EPTProgram@iehp.org.

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Subject: Equity and Practice Transformation (EPT) Provider Directed Payment Program

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is launching the Equity and Practice Transformation (EPT) program, a one-time \$700 million program focused on transforming primary care practices to advance health equity and reduce Covid-19-driven care disparities.

The funds available through this program will pay for delivery system transformation payments to primary care practices (pediatrics, family practice, adult medicine primary care, primary care OB/GYN and behavioral health providers in primary care settings) focused on advancing DHCS' equity goals in the "[50 by 2025: Bold Goals](#)" Initiative.

The EPT program will extend over a 5-year period, beginning January 2024, with the goal of funding practice transformation aligned with value-based payment models and implement the infrastructure necessary to expand the utilization of evidence-based models of team-based care to improve health equity.

Providers who apply and are accepted as participants in the program will be required to conduct activities in three spaces: Empanelment and Access, Technology and Data, and Patient Centered Population-Based Care.

Providers will be eligible to apply for funding based on the number of assigned Medi-Cal members they serve. Specific funding amounts are currently being reviewed by CMS. All assigned members do not need to be allocated to the health plan the group applies through but the application for the EPT program must be made through one health plan. For more program details, including proposed funding allocations, please see the most recent guidance located here: [DHCS EPT Program](#)

I. Eligible Providers

Providers who wish to apply for the program must meet the following requirements:

- Must be a contracted Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan practice
- Must be a Primary Care practice: (Primary Care Pediatrics, Family Medicine or Internal Medicine), Primary Care OB/GYN, or Behavioral Health providers providing integrated behavioral health services in primary care setting
- Serve at least 1,000 Medi-Cal members (500 members if the practice is a Rural Health Center or other rural practice)

II. Providers that meet the following recommended requirements will be prioritized:

- Serve disproportionate numbers of Black/African American, Alaska Native/Native American, or LGBTQ+ populations compared to county demographics
- Indian Health Services
- Rural Health Centers and other rural practices
- Provider groups whose current performance on key quality measures is <50th percentile, especially those <25th percentile

- Provider groups located in areas designated as Healthy Places Index¹ quartile 1
- Practices not otherwise receiving funding for the same activities in the CalAIM Incentive Payment Program (IPP) or the PATH TA Marketplace program or the Data Exchange Framework (DxF) Grant Program

III. Application for Participation

Practices are encouraged to complete a standard practice assessment tool which is available here: <https://phminitiative.com/phmcat/>

Application instructions as well as a full description of application questions are available [here](#). Provider groups are encouraged to review the application instructions prior to attempting to complete the application itself as the application will require that all questions are completed in a single session. A follow-up communication will be sent out once the application is available. Instructions for submission will be included.

The application is not yet available but will be due on **October 23, 2023**.

Questions about the EPT program can be sent to EPTProgram@iehp.org. We look forward to having you join us for the September 20 dinner and information session.

More updates are forthcoming.

¹ The HPI maps data on social determinants of health and is available [here](#)