NAIC Special Committee on Race and Insurance - Health Workstream Session

SBM engagement with diverse and historically underserved communities



Maryland underserved communities focus

- African American / Black
- Hispanic, Latinx
- Rural
- Young Adult (ages 18-34)



Get local and understand the community

- Know community Focus groups, surveys, community-invested vendors, responsive data collection
- Participation Community
 representation on workgroups,
 committees and boards. Agency
 sponsorship of community events and
 participation in community groups.
- User experience research Evaluate where people are having problems in the application system and how it can be improved.
- Understand barriers transportation issues, service hours, cost, etc.

"We need to go where people are. They won't come to us, even if we have a public event, only partners will attend, but not the community. We need to go to supermarkets, community centers and partner with existing events."

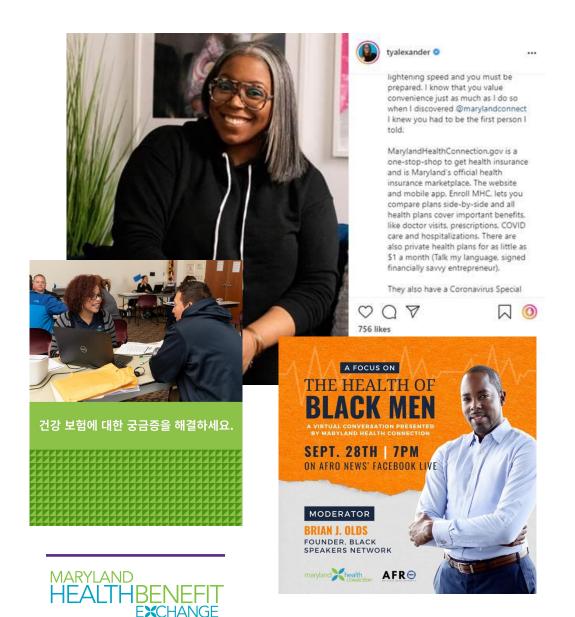
~Latino Caucus





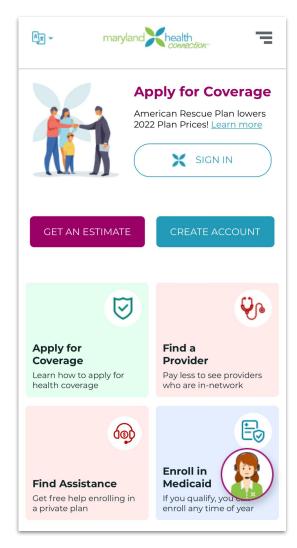


Targeted marketing and outreach strategies



- Advertising placement meaningful to community. For example, this year, Spanish ads will be shown during the World Cup.
- Partnered with social media "influencers"
- Hosted virtual conversations with communities of color
- E-toolkits for communities to use in their language
- Mobile applications texting and push notifications
- Strategic partnerships Live Chair

Consumer-oriented technology



- Mobile Application with "find help now" feature
- "BATPhone," Broker Assistance Transfer from call center
- "Flora," an artificial intelligence chatbot, answers common questions in chat on website/mobile app.
- Live Chat allows consumers to chat with an expert to answer account questions on website/mobile app.
- "Broker Connect" allows consumers to fill out a short form to request callback from an authorized broker within 30 minutes.
- Easy Enrollment Programs check a box and we will reach out to you!



Health benefits and financial incentives

- Benefits pre-deductible and with no or low payment for conditions that affect underserved communities such as diabetes treatment
- State Reinsurance Program to ensure affordability for all
- Young adult subsidy targeted to ages 18-34
- Focus on health insurance literacy



Enrollment gains in targets populations since 2015

