

## October 2022 NHMA Legislative Update

The National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA) and other Hispanic organizations are sending a letter to the USDA expressing support of WIC grains in cereals policies to decrease obesity and diabetes.

NHMA submitted Office of Civil Rights Comments to strengthen Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act with data on race, ethnicity, language, and gender identity, as well as supporting telehealth services with digital and audio technology.

NHMA participated in the recent [White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, And Health](#) to support increased education and programs to improve the health of our communities.

### Policy Updates

- [FDA Authorizes Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech Bivalent COVID-19 Vaccines for Use as a Booster Dose in Younger Age Group](#)
- [CDC Expands Updated COVID-19 Vaccines to Include Children Ages 5 Through 11](#): CDC's Director Rochelle P. Walensky signed a decision memo expanding the use of updated (bivalent) COVID-19 vaccines to children ages 5 through 11 years.
- [Research](#): COVID-19 Vaccinations in 2021 Linked to More than 650,000 Fewer COVID-19 Hospitalizations and Over 300,000 Fewer Deaths Among Medicare Beneficiaries, Underscoring Importance of Getting Updated COVID-19 Vaccines This Fall. The study underscores the importance of Americans – particularly seniors and others at high-risk of serious outcomes – getting an updated COVID-19 vaccine this fall.