

NHMA Backs Bipartisan Treat and Reduce Obesity Act (TROA) to Improve Access to Care

WASHINGTON, August 6, 2025. – The National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA) supports the introduction of the **Treat and Reduce Obesity Act (TROA)**, bipartisan legislation led by U.S. Representatives Mike Kelly (R-PA), Raul Ruiz, M.D. (D-CA), Mariannette Miller-Meeks, M.D. (R-IA), and Gwen Moore (D-WI).

The bill would expand Medicare coverage for obesity screenings, evidence-based behavioral therapies, chronic weight management medications, and services provided by a wider range of health care professionals.

Obesity is a chronic disease that affects millions of Americans, especially the Latino and other underserved communities. This legislation is an important step in making sure America's seniors can access the treatments and support they need to live longer, healthier lives.

Obesity-related conditions like heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes, and some cancers remain leading causes of preventable death in the United States. By increasing access to proven interventions, TROA could help lower long-term health care costs and improve patient outcomes.

NHMA applauds Representatives Kelly, Ruiz, Miller-Meeks, and Moore, along with Senator Bill Cassidy (R-LA) for leading companion legislation in the Senate, for their efforts to address this urgent public health issue.

NHMA urges Congress to pass this legislation and remains committed to advancing policies that improve health equity for Latino and underserved communities.