



Media Advisory

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The MolinaCares Accord to Host Panel on Behavioral Health and Integrated Care in Arizona Amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic

WHAT: [The MolinaCares Accord](#) (“MolinaCares”), in collaboration with Molina Complete Care of Arizona, will host a virtual panel addressing behavioral health and integrated care in Arizona on Friday, September 17.

Titled *Behavioral Health and COVID-19: Integrated Care During a Pandemic*, the panel will discuss the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on behavioral health and integrated care. Topics of discussion include access to fully integrated care, telehealth, recidivism in behavioral health, and behavioral health policy in Arizona.

WHO: **Host and Moderator:** Dr. LaTonia Sweet, behavior health medical director of Molina Healthcare

Opening Remarks: Christina Corieri, health policy advisor to Governor Doug Ducey

Panelists:

- Stacey Garner, chief of staff for integrated health solutions at Copa Health
- Larry Villano, chief energy officer at Resilient Health
- Dr. Darwyn Chern, chief medical officer at Copa Health

WHERE: Zoom link will be provided upon [RSVP](#).

WHEN: **Friday, September 17, 2021**
11 a.m. to 12 p.m. MST

WHY: Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, as individuals faced increased levels of isolation and loneliness, Arizona’s behavioral health crisis and the need for integrated care was put in the spotlight. In Arizona, reports of depression more than tripled during the pandemic. As a result, Governor Ducey allocated COVID-19 relief funds to various organizations to support behavioral health in children and adults. Addressing the impacts of COVID-19 on behavioral health is critical to the future of integrated care in Arizona.

MEDIA IS WELCOME TO ATTEND

About The MolinaCares Accord:

Established by Molina Healthcare, Inc., [The MolinaCares Accord](#) oversees a community investment platform created to improve the health and well-being of disadvantaged populations by funding meaningful, measurable, and innovative programs and solutions that improve health, life, and living in local communities.

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