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Community Access National Network Teams (up) with Legacy Health Endowment to Promote Health Literacy

Project focuses on educating patients in Merced and Stanislaus Counties in California's central valley

WASHINGTON, DC (August 24, 2022) – The Community Access National Network, otherwise known as CANN, today announced it has collaborated with Legacy Health Endowment (LHE) to promote health literacy in Merced and Stanislaus Counties, located in California's central valley. The project includes patient resources defining different types of healthcare payers and utilization management, and how these create paperwork burdens patients may find hard to navigate. They are designed to help introduce transparency in accessing and affording care, while also educating patients on the process of navigating payer burdens.

Summarized Jen Laws, CANN President & CEO: "With payers ever increasing the hurdles patients must overcome to receive the rightful coverage benefits that they pay for, ensuring patients are well-equipped and knowledgeable about appeals and complaint processes and the protections afforded to them is critical to being able to actualize receiving the care they need. Legacy Health Endowment's patient literacy guide to navigating these payer burdens is an important resource. It will empower patients to take more control over their care, and more readily receive the care deemed best suited for them by their healthcare provider."

Jeffrey R. Lewis, LHE's President & CEO, echoed: "Our mission is to improve the health and healthcare of all residents residing within Stanislaus and Merced Counties, which includes arming them with the resources and tools needed for making informed healthcare decisions. Our healthcare system is extremely complicated, and all too often confusing for patients. Our patient literacy project tips the scales in favor of the patient."

To learn more about the Legacy Health Endowment's health literacy project, visit <https://www.legacyhealthendowment.org/news/patientguide>.

For general information, please contact CANN at info@tiicann.org.

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***About the Community Access National Network:** The mission of the Community Access National Network (CANN) is to define, promote, and improve access to healthcare services and supports for people living with HIV/AIDS and/or Viral Hepatitis through advocacy, education, and networking. These services must be affordable to the people who need them regardless of insurance status, income, or geographic location.*

***About Legacy Health Endowment:** Legacy Health Endowment provides funding and technical support to create healthcare solutions and facilitate improved wellness within Stanislaus and Merced Counties.*