

National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA) and LATIMGS Announce MOU



GILBERT BURGOS, MD, MPH
President of NHMA

STATEMENT ON NHMA:

NHMA RECOGNIZES THE SEVERITY OF THE LATINO PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE IN THE U.S. AND ITS REPERCUSSIONS ON PATIENT CARE, AND NHMA'S DESIRE TO WORK WITH LATIMG STEMS FROM A DEDICATION TO HELPING IMGs NAVIGATE THE PATH TO PRACTICING MEDICINE IN THE U.S.

STATEMENT ON THE MOU:

NHMA, in collaboration with LATIMGS, wants all IMGs to know that NHMA understands and supports IMGs' best interests nationwide, and that all IMGs have a place of belonging within NHMA.

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STATEMENT ON LATIMGS:

LATIMGS exists to expand and strengthen the physician workforce serving our communities across the United States. Built on *per aspera ad astra*, we've created a community rooted in resilience, where internationally trained physicians support each other, grow together, and no one has to walk this path alone. We don't just open doors; we make sure people are able to stay, advance, and lead. LATIMGS is family, and that's what makes our work last.

STATEMENT ON THE MOU:

This MOU reflects a shared commitment between NHMA and LATIMGS to strengthen a multicultural, bilingual physician workforce serving our communities. It brings together physicians from different countries, backgrounds, and training experiences, uniting the "best of two worlds". It's about connection, mentorship, and building something stronger together for our patients.

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National Hispanic Medical Association

ABOUT NHMA:

Established in 1994 in Washington, DC, the National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA) is a non-profit association representing the interests of more than 50,000 licensed Hispanic physicians in the United States. NHMA leads the transformation of health care by centering Hispanic and Latino physicians and communities as architects of equity and innovation. We amplify our collective voice to reshape policy, advance sustainable and just access to care, and cultivate a thriving, inclusive health care workforce. NHMA fosters a vibrant, connected network that promotes mentorship, professional growth and leadership among Hispanic and Latino physicians, while strengthening diversity and collaboration across the entire medical field.



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ABOUT LATIMGS:

LATIMGS® (Latin International Medical Graduates & Students) is a U.S.-based education and advocacy initiative dedicated to expanding and diversifying the physician workforce. We serve Latin American medical students and international medical graduates through structured, high-impact programs that connect talent with opportunity. Our flagship educational program, LATIMGS® Academy, provides final-year medical students from Latin America with a structured pathway to align their clinical training with U.S.-based standards. Through clinical clerkships, research experiences, professional coaching, and mentorship, participants gain the skills, experience, and networks needed to pursue medical careers in the United States. This work addresses critical workforce needs by preparing culturally competent, bilingual physicians to serve diverse communities. The LATIMGS® Foundation, our independent nonprofit, advances our mission through scholarships, strategic partnerships, and national advocacy – ensuring equitable access to training and professional networks for Latin American physicians-in-training. Together, we are building a stronger, more representative healthcare workforce – one future doctor at a time.

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DR. GILBERT BURGOS IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL HISPANIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (NHMA), WHICH REPRESENTS THE INTERESTS OF OVER 57,000 LATINO/HISPANIC PHYSICIANS IN THE US AND THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE. DR. GILBERT BURGOS IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AFFAIRS FOR ELDERPLAN/HOME FIRST, A SPECIAL NEEDS MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK STATE (NY). MOST RECENTLY, HE WAS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CHIEF MEDICAL DIRECTOR FOR NASSAU QUEENS PPS, WHERE HE WORKED WITH THE NY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THREE MAJOR HEALTH SYSTEMS IN NEW YORK CITY TO IMPLEMENT THE DSRIP (DELIVERY SYSTEM REFORM INCENTIVE PAYMENT) PROGRAM, A MAJOR STATE INITIATIVE TO RESTRUCTURE HOW MEDICAID RECIPIENTS RECEIVE HEALTH CARE IN NY. DR. BURGOS IS BOARD-CERTIFIED IN INTERNAL MEDICINE AND IS ALSO A CERTIFIED PHYSICIAN EXECUTIVE THROUGH THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICIAN LEADERS. HE HAS OVER TWENTY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AS A SENIOR EXECUTIVE

WITH PHYSICIAN GROUPS, HOSPITALS AND HEALTH PLANS. PREVIOUS POSITIONS INCLUDE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL MANAGEMENT WITH ADVANTAGE CARE PHYSICIANS (ACP) IN NY, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT AND CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER FOR PREFERRED HEALTH PARTNERS (PHP) IN NY, SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT AND CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER OF MERCY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL SYSTEM IN MICHIGAN, AND CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER FOR CARE CHOICES HEALTH PLAN, PART OF TRINITY HEALTH SYSTEM IN MICHIGAN. HE OBTAINED HIS MEDICAL DEGREE FROM ALBERT EINSTEIN COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AND COMPLETED AN INTERNAL MEDICINE RESIDENCY AT MONTEFIORE MEDICAL CENTER. IN ADDITION, HE ACQUIRED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN PUBLIC HEALTH FROM HARVARD UNIVERSITY'S SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH WITH A CONCENTRATION IN HEALTH POLICY AND MANAGEMENT.

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