### Overview
Established in 1972, the Aetna Foundation has a long tradition of giving and community support and has contributed more than $427 million in grants and sponsorships. The Aetna Foundation’s core focus areas are obesity, racial and ethnic health care equity, and integrated health care.

### Primary Goal/Mission
To promote wellness, health, and access to high-quality health care for everyone, while supporting the communities we serve.

### Programs/Campaigns
Examples of grants Aetna Foundation would support include:

- Projects and studies that identify causes of obesity and potential best practices for addressing obesity, such as:
  - Domestic food policies and their impact on individual food choices
  - The impact of our neighborhoods and the “built environment” on promoting population health and weight loss
  - Assessments of why communities with high rates of food insecurity also are more likely to experience high rates of obesity
  - How children use recreation time
  - How school lunch and food policies affect our children
- Explore how a stronger primary care model and relationships with providers could benefit minority populations and close the persistent health care gap.
- Help providers who treat large minority populations become leaders in delivering high-quality care.
- Determine what can be done to reduce the numbers of low-birth weight babies born to mothers at risk.
- Examine, through observational studies, the correlation between a mother’s health, stress level, and social supports, and the likelihood of having a healthy baby who lives through its first year of life.
- Determine, through interventional studies, whether stress-reduction programs (including yoga and meditation) can improve health outcomes for minority patients with chronic conditions, as well as postnatal outcomes for mothers and pregnant women.
- Develop standards and metrics of care coordination in ambulatory care settings.
- Evaluate models of care coordination that enhance providers’ communication with each other and with their patients and lead to improved patient outcomes and experiences with their care.
- Evaluate methods of care coordination for engaging patients as partners in their care, particularly in the management of chronic conditions.
- Identify best practices to align financial and other incentives for achieving well-coordinated care.
- Identify and assess models of care coordination that reduce the cost of care while improving patient health outcomes.

### Impact
Links to reports

### Reports/Case Studies
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