

## Aetna Foundation



<b>Overview</b>	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.
<b>Primary Goal/Mission</b>	To promote wellness, health, and access to high-quality health care for everyone, while supporting the communities we serve
<b>Programs/Campaigns</b>	
<p>Examples of grants Aetna Foundation would support include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects and studies that identify causes of obesity and potential best practices for addressing obesity, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Domestic food policies and their impact on individual food choices</li> <li>○ The impact of our neighborhoods and the “built environment” on promoting population health and weight loss</li> <li>○ Assessments of why communities with high rates of food insecurity also are more likely to experience high rates of obesity</li> <li>○ How children use recreation time</li> <li>○ How school lunch and food policies affect our children</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Explore how a stronger primary care model and relationships with providers could benefit minority populations and close the persistent health care gap.</li> <li>• Help providers who treat large minority populations become leaders in delivering high-quality care.</li> <li>• Determine what can be done to reduce the numbers of low-birth weight babies born to mothers at risk.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Develop standards and metrics of care coordination in ambulatory care settings.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Evaluate methods of care coordination for engaging patients as partners in their care, particularly in the management of chronic conditions.</li> <li>• Identify best practices to align financial and other incentives for achieving well-coordinated care.</li> <li>• Identify and assess models of care coordination that reduce the cost of care while improving patient health outcomes.</li> </ul>	
<b>Impact</b>	Links to reports <a href="http://www.aetna-foundation.org/foundation/aetna-foundation-programs/program-impact/index.html">http://www.aetna-foundation.org/foundation/aetna-foundation-programs/program-impact/index.html</a>
<b>Reports/Case Studies</b>	Recent grant recipients <a href="http://www.aetna-foundation.org/foundation/recent-grants/index.html">http://www.aetna-foundation.org/foundation/recent-grants/index.html</a>

	Recent community-based grants <a href="http://www.aetna-foundation.org/foundation/recent-grants/projects-by-program-area/obesity.html">http://www.aetna-foundation.org/foundation/recent-grants/projects-by-program-area/obesity.html</a>
<b>Social Media Sites</b>	N/A
<b>Website and Contact Information</b>	<a href="http://www.aetna-foundation.org/foundation/index.html">http://www.aetna-foundation.org/foundation/index.html</a>