NHC Domains and Values: Entitlement Reform

Domains	Values
Protect access to entitlement programs	• Ensure patients with chronic diseases and disabilities can enroll or maintain eligibility status in entitlement programs without inappropriate barriers (e.g., tied to specific beneficiary behaviors, timeframes, cost burdens) • Encourage policies that expand program eligibility to additional individuals in need • Protect funding for Medicare, Social Security, Medicaid, CHIP, Community Health Centers, and welfare programs
Ensure comprehensiveness of benefits and financial assistance	• Preserve robustness of program benefits (e.g., prescription drug coverage) • Ensure programs provide beneficiaries comprehensive services and assistance that enable them to reach their personal health and life goals • Safeguard patient affordability by ensuring policies do not shift costs to beneficiaries • Assure financial assistance under programs for people in need (e.g., aged, disabled, low-income, dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid) to cover out-of-pocket costs for health care and maintain quality of life (e.g., subsidized food, housing, and transportation)
Encourage innovation while safeguarding patient protections	• Allow flexibility for innovative benefits (e.g., telehealth, tailored benefits for chronically ill, VBID), while maintaining affordability, patient choice, and quality of care • Explore options to test and promote effective health care choices that preserve benefits and affordability for programs and enrollees • Integrate and streamline application processes for programs to support patient access to breadth of available benefits (e.g., enable Medicaid applicant to seek eligibility for social services, such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)