The Time Is Now:

The \$5.9 Billion Case for Massachusetts Health Equity Reform

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\$5.9 BILLION

The annual economic burden of health inequities¹ experienced by populations of color in Massachusetts.²

This impacts individuals, families, and public and private stakeholders.

EACH YEAR, IT COSTS THE MASSACHUSETTS ECONOMY:

\$1.5
BILLION
avoidable
health care
spending

\$3.0
BILLION
premature deaths



\$11.2 BILLION

The annual economic burden of health inequities experienced by populations of color in Massachusetts will almost double by 2050.



For more detail on the findings from this study, please see the full report, available for download at: https://www.bluecrossmafoundation.org/publication/time-now-59-billion-case-massachusetts-health-equity-reform.







¹ All economic estimates are expressed in 2022 dollars.

² For purposes of this report, the term "populations of color" includes individuals who identify as Asian, Black, or Hispanic/Latino.