#### 2022-2027 ILLINOIS COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CONTROL PLAN HEALTH EQUITY AND HEALTH DISPARITIES: HEALTH LITERACY



It's also a point of literacy and understanding. So, the doctor went to medical school and he or she is an expert. But if they can't deliver that message and that information in a way that's understandable, then they haven't done a good job. And so, I may sit in the office, I may get lots of information which is good pertinent information. But if I don't understand it, I don't have anything.

Black Non-Hispanic cancer caregiver from central Illinois - 65 years of age (2021, Community engagement focus group)

### What is health equity and health disparities?

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## **Health equity**



Is the attainment of the highest level of health for all people

### **Health disparities**



Are health differences closely linked with social, economic, and / or environmental disadvantages

# What are some strategies to address health disparities?



Culturally adapted health care



Education materials for varying literacy levels



Patient navigators

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Find more information on health equity strategies in the 2022 - 2027 Illinois Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan by scanning the QR code or visiting:

https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/cancer/2022-2027-illinois-comprehensive-cancer-control-plan.html



