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Medicaid Food Security Strategies as a Pathway to Catalyze Transformative Change

Reflections and Call to Action

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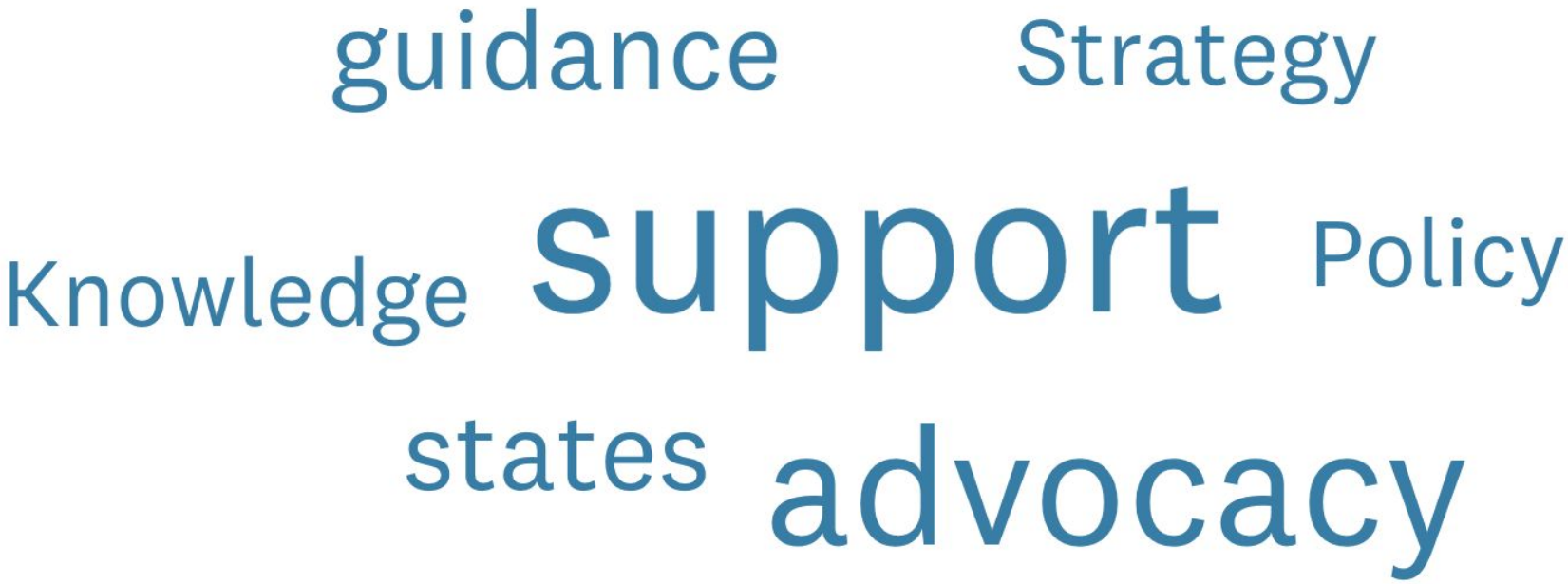
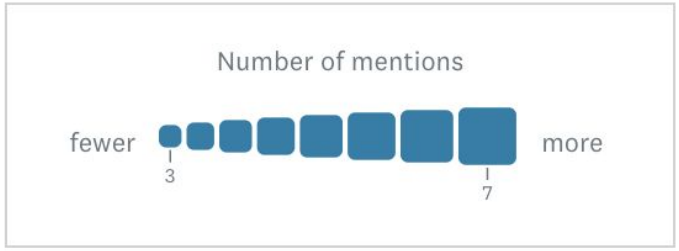
Q: Use one word to describe what you need most from the Medicaid Food Security Network (MFSN).





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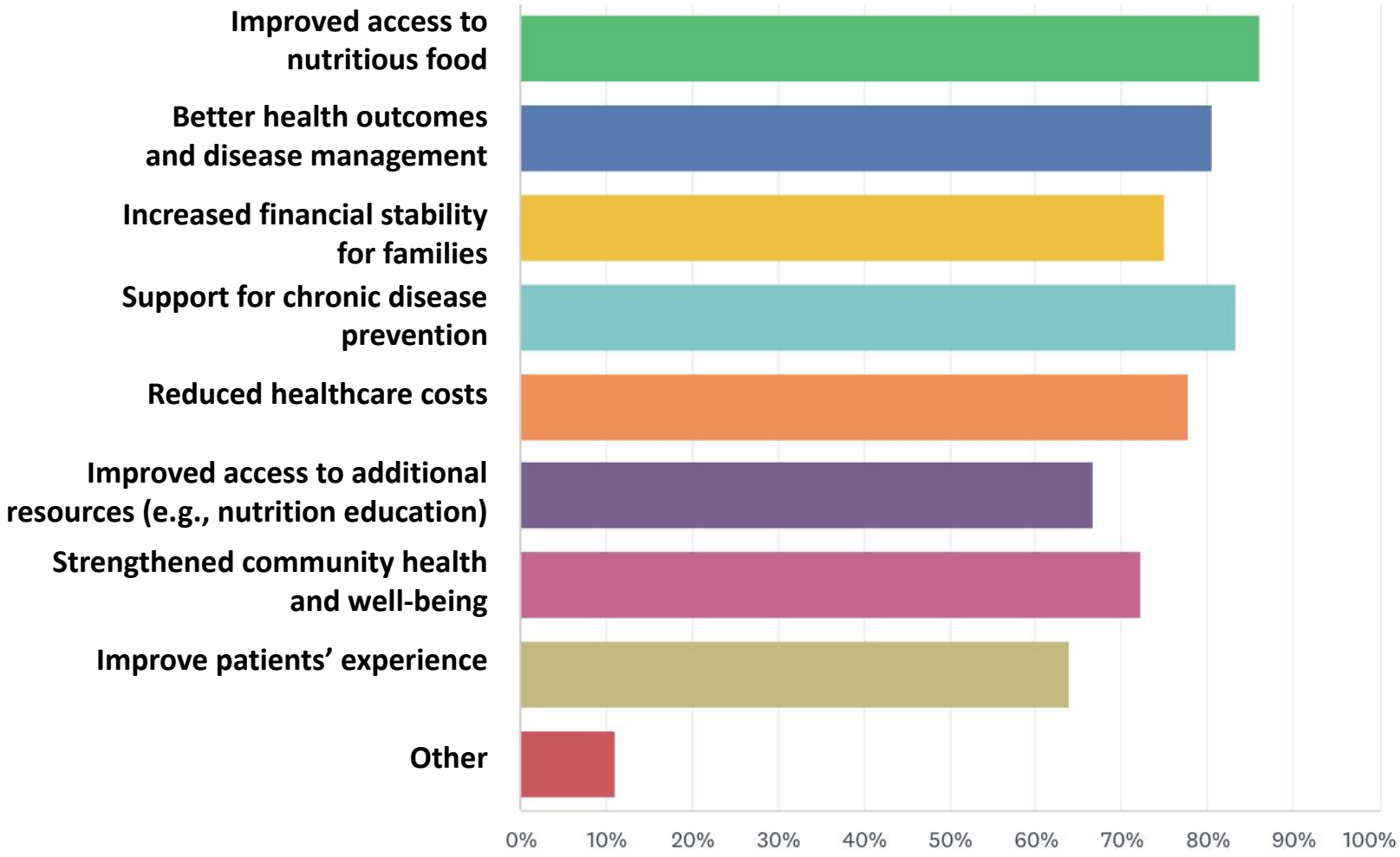
Q: What are the benefits of using Medicaid to Support Food Is Medicine including programs like SNAP & WIC? (n=48)



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Q: What victories, milestones or positive stores have you experienced in the realm of Medicaid and Food Security?

"We have helped food security CBOs and network lead entities to consider the issue of financial sustainability and develop strategies to optimize operations and improve cash flow"

Gravity project, Coding4Food

"Another "success" - recent inclusion of WIC appointments within the walls of CBOs like YMCAs to be part of an engagement and education strategy."

"We have created a community based movement to learn about and advocate for policy change to support Medicaid and FIM."

"My grandma (93 yo Medicare-Medicaid dual) is still living an active life because we've been making sure she has a healthy lifestyle with healthier meals as a primary anchor."

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Q: Are there any other ways that Medicaid has impacted your life or your community in the context of food security and social care delivery?

"Medicaid enables the neighbors we serve to access healthcare and nutritious food because they don't have to make tradeoffs between health and food."

"Was a Medicaid recipient in two states, multiple times. Got referred to snap through my states online platform COMPASS"

"[It's] given me the opportunity to access healthcare as child growing into my adulthood and not stress about my health especially when having chronic issues"

"The state of NM and various sectors offer Community Health Workers to support community."

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Q: What policy areas do you think need the most attention to improve food security for Medicaid recipients?

"More programs, LIKE THE LFPA, that guarantee farmers market access through FIM."

"Coding and reimbursement in clinical spaces"

"Switching health insurance to extend ROI cycles from one year to longer time horizons. Revise snap to allow purchasing hot food."

"Infrastructure support for CBOs to provide these service"

Q: What research or data would be most helpful in advancing advocacy for Medicaid food security?

"Financial forecasting or scenario planning for different interventions."

"Being able to demonstrate ROI with this work"

"Real time data from affected families"

"The impact on health outcomes when state Medicaid programs are engaged with WIC and SNAP outreach and enrollment."

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Q: What support, resources, or training from MFSN would help you advocate more effectively for Medicaid food security strategies and Food is Medicine?

- **Peer Learning & Systems Change**
  Medicaid's role in enabling cross-state learning, sharing models that integrate food security and social care.

- **Community Connections & Advocacy**
  How Medicaid-supported efforts strengthen community ties, build coalitions, and empower collective advocacy.

- **Demonstrated Impact & Value (ROI)**
  Evidence of how Medicaid investments show measurable outcomes in food and social care, creating sustainable value.

- **Access to Funding & Support Services**
  Ways Medicaid has expanded funding pathways or supported access to food, care coordination, or other resources.

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Q: What voices or perspectives are missing from current conversations on Medicaid and food security?

- **Individuals with Lived Experience**
  Patients, affected families, foster care youth, community leaders

- **Frontline & Direct Service Providers**
  Nurses, healthy food providers

- **Youth & Vulnerable Populations**
  Ways Medicaid has expanded funding pathways or supported access to food, care coordination, or other resources

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Post Summit Feedback Survey

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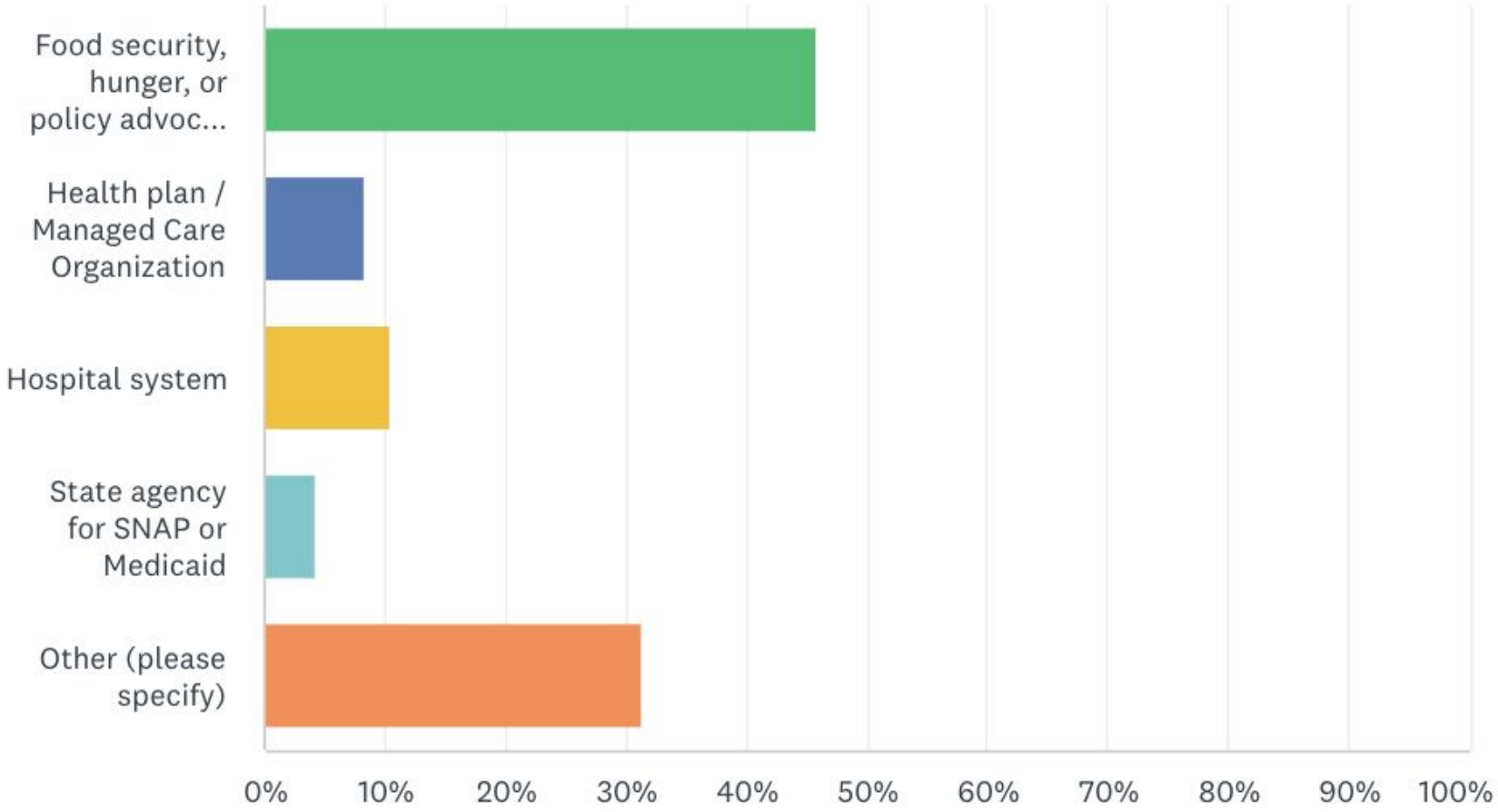
Q: What attendee type do you best identify as? (n=48)



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