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Corey Boggs is a fourth-year medical student at Ross University School of Medicine. As a HPLA fellow, she has been working with the Maryland Academy of Family Physicians to ensure continued funding of family medicine physician positions throughout the state. She is also helping the academy board of directors execute their three-year strategic plan.

Jasmine Dominique Douglas is a third-year medical student at St. Louis University School of Medicine with a B.S. in Biology from Xavier University of Louisiana. Her HPLA fellowship project focuses on education disparity and its correlation to health literacy and how to bridge the gap in communication. After graduation, Jasmine plans to pursue a career in Family Medicine with an emphasis on serving high-risk populations.

Edwige Dossou-Kitti is a first-year medical student at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School. Her HPLA fellowship project focuses on identifying barriers to healthcare for formerly incarcerated populations. She intends to evaluate the impact a policy change promoting medical school student engagement will have on improving health outcomes in this population.

Nuha Fariha is a first-generation Bangladeshi-American from Philadelphia. She is a third-year medical student at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. Her HPLA fellowship project focuses on barriers to care for uninsured populations, impacts of current immigration legislation in limiting access to care, and the efficacy of secondary interventions such as health screenings in continuation of care.

Leah Carter is a third-year medical student at Trinity Medical Sciences University. Her passion for patient education and primary care has guided her HPLA fellowship project in trying to better understand the variety of factors that contribute to patient compliance in chronic disease management. She looks forward to sharing these gained insights with her current and future colleagues in the hope to improve patient autonomy and further reduce the comprehension gap between patients and providers.

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- Mass Incarceration
- Minority Tax
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NPR Discussion of the Changes
Kaiser Health News FAQ
Dr. Davidson speaks to VP Pence about the proposed Block Grant Program