



MEDIA ADVISORY FROM HEALTHCARE READY

Associate director of research and policy for Healthcare Ready to take part in 2024 Preparedness Summit in Cleveland, Ohio

Angie Im will be among other expert panelists to discuss groundbreaking study about shortcomings in prioritization of state-managed medication stockpiling and give presentation on need for urgent support for healthcare workforce in underserved communities

WASHINGTON (March 19, 2024) – Healthcare Ready announces that Angie Im, associate director of research and policy, will be a panelist and presenter at the [2024 Preparedness Summit](#) March 25-28 in Cleveland, Ohio – the first and longest running national conference on public health preparedness which attracts nearly 2,500 attendees.

[Healthcare Ready](#), a nonprofit organization, was established to help strengthen the U.S. healthcare system and assist communities in planning for, responding to, and recovering from disasters and disease pandemics.

Im will be on a [Cencora](#) panel discussing state-managed stockpiling. Here she will discuss for the first time publicly a new Healthcare Ready study – funded by the [Cencora Impact Foundation](#) – about pharmaceutical reserves and gaps in existing preparedness frameworks which can leave some patients behind. Although the study will publish in April, Im will discuss its groundbreaking research which finds that most states are not currently prioritizing the development of medication stockpiles as an investment in preparedness for a variety of reasons. Research finds that some states are taking proactive measures (with actions sometimes being led by governors and elected officials to explore stockpiling of essential medicines) while other states are closely monitoring these efforts to inform their own strategies. This study underscores the need to address shortcomings in existing emergency preparedness frameworks.

Im will also give a solo presentation about the [Restoring the Healthcare Workforce for Equity \(RHWE\) Program](#), a comprehensive year-long initiative by Healthcare Ready to understand the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and other disaster-related trauma on the healthcare workforce. The study, funded by a grant from the [Center for Disaster Philanthropy](#) (CDP) COVID-19 Response Fund, highlights significant losses and burnout among healthcare workers, especially those who serve rural, low-income, or racially and ethnically diverse populations, highlights significant losses and burnout among healthcare workers, especially those who serve rural, low-income, or racially and ethnically diverse populations.

Healthcare Ready assists in coordinating public and private partners, including federal agencies involved in disaster response, state emergency operations centers, and health systems — hospitals, clinics, and Community Health Centers — to assess healthcare needs and impacts by:

- Connecting needs and resources between nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), nonprofits, and shelters for supplies/medicines, and donations
- Assessing potential risks to critical infrastructure and healthcare supply chains
- Sharing resources and state-specific information to assist healthcare facilities, communities, and individuals
- Intelligence gathering and situational reporting

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Special note to journalists: Healthcare Ready's associate director of research and policy [Angie Im](#) is available for comment. Please contact Laura Perillo to request an interview at laura@shoestringagency.org or 908-406-3413 (call or text). Sign up [here](#) for future situation reports from Healthcare Ready.

About Healthcare Ready

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