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Dr. April Joy Damian is an epidemiologist, health services researcher, and classically trained public health professional with expertise in health equity, social determinants of health, psychiatric epidemiology, and mixed methods. She currently serves as the Vice President and Director of the Weitzman Institute, a national research, education, and policy center dedicated to quality improvement and primary care transformation, with a particular focus on the underserved. Dr. Damian concurrently holds faculty appointments at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, UConn School of Medicine, and Wesleyan University. She is a well sought after speaker and thought leader in health equity, and serves in multiple leadership positions

in the field, including on AcademyHealth's Board of Directors Standing Committee on Advocacy and Public Policy, Vice Chair of the Health Equity/PRO/Community Engagement Committee for NIH's RECOVER initiative. She also served as Chair of the AcademyHealth Public Health Systems Research IG Advisory Board. Dr. Damian previously served as the Director of Quality Innovation at the National Quality Forum (NQF) where she spearheaded the expansion of NQF's portfolio on SDOH quality measures, and co-led the NQF Measure Incubator[®], an innovative effort that facilitates efficient measure development and testing through collaboration and partnership, and addresses important aspects of care for which quality measures are underdeveloped or non-existent.

Dr. Damian completed her PhD in the Department of Mental Health at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and Master's in Medical Sciences at Harvard Medical School. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of California, Berkeley with a Bachelor of Arts in Ethnic Studies, Highest Honors. She has worked with several reputable governing bodies, including the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Veteran Health Administration in Washington, DC, International Organization for Migration in Geneva, Switzerland, as well as local health departments, on policy and programs relating to improving healthcare access and quality for medically underserved communities. She is an inducted member of the Sigma Xi Scientific Honor Society, and has received numerous recognitions in honor of her role as a social change agent, including the Harry S. Truman Scholarship, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation-funded Community Well-Being Warrior Award, and an honorarium from the University of Delaware.