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Dr. Rios serves as President and CEO of the National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA), representing 50,000 Hispanic physicians in the US. The mission of the organization is to improve the health of Hispanics. Dr. Rios also serves as President of NHMA's National Hispanic Health Foundation affiliated with the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York University, to direct educational and research activities.

Dr. Rios serves on the Campaign Against Obesity, Care First Blue Cross Blue Shield, Nurse Family Partnership, Better Medicare Alliance and National Hispanic Leadership Agenda Boards of Directors, and Cancer Treatment Centers for America Hispanic Advisory Council. She has lectured and published articles and has received several leadership awards including from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Congressional Black, Hispanic, Asian, and Native American Caucuses; American Public Health Association Latino Caucus; Association of Hispanic Health Executives; Minority Health Month, Inc.; *Hispanic Magazine*; Verizon's First Pollin Community Service; and Amerigroup. Dr. Rios was appointed to the Minority Alumni Hall of Fame of Stanford University (October 2006). Moreover, she was named as a Fellow of New York Academy of Medicine (2007), Institute of Medicine Global Forum for Health Professions Education (2014), and American College of Physicians (2016).

Prior to her current positions, Dr. Rios served as the Advisor for Regional and Minority Women's Health for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office on Women's Health (November 1994-October 1998). From 1998 to 2004, she served as Executive Director, Hispanic Serving Health Professions Schools. In 1993, she was appointed to the National Health Care Reform Task Force as Coordinator of Outreach Groups for the White House, and from 1992 to 1994, she worked for the State of California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development as a policy researcher.

Dr. Rios has also served as President, Chicano/Latino Medical Association of California; Founder of the National Network of Latin American Medical Students; and as a member of the California

Department of Health Services Cultural Competency Task Force, Stanford Alumni Association, Women's Policy Inc., Commission to End Healthcare Disparities and Partnership for Prevention Boards of Directors, PacifiCare-United Healthcare California Investment Committee, and American Medical Association's (AMA) Minority Affairs Consortium Steering Committee.

Dr. Rios earned her BA in human biology/public administration at Stanford University (1977), MSPH at UCLA School of Public Health (1980), and MD at UCLA School of Medicine (1987). She completed her internal medicine residency at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose, and White Memorial Medical Center in East Los Angeles (1990), and her NRSA Primary Care Research Fellowship at UCLA Division of General Internal Medicine (1992).