

# Dr. C. David Molina

## TRAILBLAZER OF AMERICAN HEALTHCARE



### BACKGROUND

Born on September 7, 1926, Dr. Molina grew up in Yuma, Arizona, and later graduate from San Diego State College after serving in the Army. He earned his medical degree from the California College of Medicine. He went on to open a private internal medicine practice and would later serve in various roles in emergency medicine within Pacific Hospital in Long Beach, CA. Dr. Molina went onto earn a master's degree in public health (MPH) from UCLA and would later work in the areas of HMO organization and administration.

### CAREER

Dr Molina's career spanned from an internal medicine doctor to emergency room director to the founder of Molina Medical Centers, the largest Primary Care Case Management (PCCM) program in California. In 1994 the company became an HMO and under the direction of his son, Dr. J Mario Molina, would become one of the largest health insurers in America. Today, Molina Healthcare is a Fortune 500 company that provides services across nineteen states.

### IMPACT

Dr. C. David Molina founded Molina Healthcare to provide affordable, quality healthcare to low-income and underserved populations. He focused on serving Medicaid patients, helping expand access to care for millions of Americans who often faced barriers to the healthcare system. His approach emphasized culturally competent, community-based care, particularly benefiting Latino and immigrant communities. His impact strengthened healthcare equity in the United States by prioritizing access, affordability, and dignity in care.

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