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This News Brief alerts you to a brief summary, by Richard A. Sherer, of the recently released Surgeon General's report, "Mental health: Culture, race, and ethnicity: A supplement to Mental health: A report of the Surgeon General." The Surgeon General's report, writes Sherer, uses "historical and sociocultural factors to analyze the particular mental health needs of each minority group. Then, specific mental health care needs for both adults and children are discussed and attention is given to high-need populations and culturally-influenced syndromes within the group. Each chapter includes a discussion of the availability of care, the appropriateness of available treatments, diagnostic issues and best practices related to the group" (p. 3). Sherer also provides bulleted lists of findings contained in the report on African Americans, American Indians and Alaskan Natives, Hispanic Americans, and Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

This link will take you to Sherer's summary, published in the "Psychiatric Times": <http://www.psychiatrictimes.com/p020301a.html>

This link will take you directly to the Surgeon General's report: <http://www.mentalhealth.org/cre/toc.asp>

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