

THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER AND PRIMARY CARE WORKFORCE EXPANSION ACT OF 2019

The Community Health Center and Primary Care Workforce Expansion Act of 2019 will extend and expand funding for the community health center and National Health Service Corps programs as well as provide much-needed capital funding for health center infrastructure.

If Congress doesn't act by September 30th, these centers will lose the federal funding they need to keep their doors open. If that happens, our primary health care crisis will become even more dire.

Community health centers provide high-quality primary medical, dental, mental health care, substance use disorder treatment, and low-cost prescription drugs to 28 million people in 11,000 communities in every state in the country. The National Health Service Corps provides scholarships and loan-repayment to over 10,000 clinicians each year working in underserved communities, often in health centers.

Under this bill, each program will see a modest 10 percent increase each year for five years. It also includes \$4.6 billion for capital projects, which will allow community health centers across the nation to modernize their facilities and expand the scope of services they offer to better address the opioid epidemic and to meet the health care needs of an expanding patient base.

This new funding will allow 5.4 million more Americans to receive the primary care they need.

Specifically, the bill includes the following:

| FQHC | Funding level | Increase |
|-------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| <i>FY19</i> | <i>\$5.63B current funding</i> | |
| FY20 | \$6.19B | \$563 million |
| FY21 | \$6.81B | \$619 million |
| FY22 | \$7.49B | \$681 million |
| FY23 | \$8.24B | \$749 million |
| FY24 | \$9.06B | \$824 million |

| NHSC | Funding level | Increase |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <i>FY19</i> | <i>\$310 million current funding</i> | |
| FY20 | \$850 million | \$540 million |
| FY21 | \$935 million | \$85 million |
| FY22 | \$1.03B | \$93.5 million |
| FY23 | \$1.13B | \$103 million |
| FY24 | \$1.24B | \$113 million |