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Unprecedented Need Requires Bold Action:

Congress must make investments now so that health centers receive \$30B in total federal funding by 2030

Federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) work tirelessly to meet the evolving needs of their patients, serving all who seek care, regardless of their ability to pay.

With the right investment, FQHCs can fulfill their mission as hyper-local health care hubs, treating the full range of complex patient needs and helping entire communities live healthier lives.

Unfortunately, current funding levels are not enough as budgets are expected to continue to shrink due to the Medicaid unwinding, the expiration of COVID funds, erosion of the 340B program, flat grant funding, ongoing workforce challenges, and other issues.

Now is the time to shore up this critical safety net.

Congress must re-invest in the community health center trust fund with a strong FY24 baseline and at least 12% annual increase year over year.

This funding would allow health centers to grow in four key areas: operations, infrastructure, workforce, and innovation.

Federal FQHC funding is designed to ensure a comprehensive medical home for all patients, regardless of ability to pay. However, the cost of caring for patients, as well as the total number of patients, is expected to continue to increase dramatically in the coming years. We expect the number of patients utilizing health centers to increase to an estimated 40 million by 2030. A re-investment on this scale can allow for:

- Providing population health management specific to the communities FQHCs serve, estimated at \$25/month/patient.
- Developing and expanding value-based care at health centers, which improves patient care and promotes innovation.
- Making capital improvements and expanding to new sites, in order to sufficiently care for centers' patient populations.
- Recruiting and retaining the health workers FQHCs need to provide comprehensive care to patients, from frontline staff to highly trained clinical professionals.

We request a five-year extension of the Community Health Center Trust Fund, with the following annual funding amounts:

FY24: \$6.2 billion

FY25: \$6.98 billion

FY26: \$7.87 billion

FY27: \$8.87 billion

FY28: \$10 billion

Together, with annual appropriations, this funding can ensure a strong health care safety net for all who need it, regardless of their ability to pay.

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