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ACH Monthly Update: February 2024

Dear ACH Members,

We are just a few days away from kicking off our [2024 Annual Member Meeting](#) in our nation's capital on **Tuesday, March 5**. This year's theme is *Equity, Excellence, and Evolution: Igniting Innovation in Community Health*. Planned session topics this year include health equity, Value-Based Care, 340B, health care workforce emerging trends, and a great line-up of speakers. Check out our draft agenda [here](#).

In addition, Advocates for Community Health, the Association of Clinicians for the Underserved, and the American Association of Teaching Health Centers recently hosted an urgent virtual press briefing as federal funding for key community health center programs is set to expire on March 8. Click [here](#) to watch the recording.

Please keep reading for additional updates.

The Latest From DC

Federal funding is top of mind for Congress as we quickly approach the deadline for extending funding for federal government programs or risk a government shutdown. Fortunately, lawmakers have reached a deal and secured the President's support, and Congress is in the process of passing a short continuing resolution to ensure that funding doesn't lapse. We expect funding for roughly half of federal spending to be voted on next week, and the rest should be addressed by a new funding deadline of March 22. The deal follows intense negotiations among congressional leaders and a meeting at the White House earlier this week to try to overcome remaining differences. The new short term continuing resolution would be the fourth this year; an appropriations agreement for fiscal year 2024 is now five months overdue. We expect upcoming votes will include action to extend the Community Health Center Fund, National Health Service Corps, and Teaching Health Center GME program, and will be sure to keep members updated as we learn more.

Some dates to keep in mind: President Joe Biden is expected to release his budget proposal March 11, which will officially kick off the fiscal year 2025 funding season. We anticipate he will outline some of the themes he will include in his budget proposal during next week's State of the Union Address, on March 7. Another date to keep an eye on is March 5, or "Super Tuesday," when a number of states will hold their primary elections.

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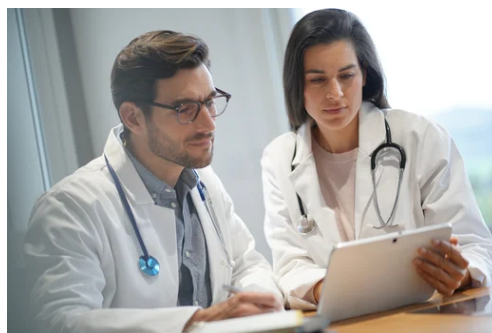
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