

Help Health Center Patients Live Healthier Lives: Cosponsor the Health Center Community Transformation Hub Act, H.R. 1072

History: Health centers are vital to achieving health equity

Community health centers (CHCs) are vital to achieving equitable health care in the U.S. They serve historically marginalized communities and provide comprehensive, culturally competent care to millions of Americans, many of whom are more likely to experience barriers to care.

Reality: Health centers need your help

CHCs served over 31 million patients in 2023, a 9 percent increase since 2020.

- 405,000 CHC patients are veterans
- Over 60% of CHC patients identify as a racial/ethnic minority
- 90% of CHC patients have incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty level

As part of their mission, health centers work to address their patients' social determinants of health, like access to transportation, nutrition services, or housing services, to ensure that they are focusing on all of the factors that influence health, not just what they can evaluate in an exam room.

The Health Center Community Transformation Act will:

Create a supplemental grant program to help community health centers serve as a “hub” among local organizations to more effectively address the social determinants of health faced by patients.

Help CHCs leverage community resources to give all people the opportunity to be healthy.

Help CHCs anchor a network of community-based organizations that work to address primary social determinants of health, including access to transportation, food security, economic security, education access and quality, neighborhood safety, and the health of the built environment.

With a coordinated approach, increase access to the varied networks of services and supports patients need to live healthy lives.

