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EMERGING ISSUES FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

INFRASTRUCTURE RESILIENCE



Community health centers (CHCs) have been a vital lifeline to vulnerable communities in all kinds of local, state and national emergencies - hurricanes, wildfires, mass casualty events, and health emergencies.

ACCESS TO CARE FOR ALL



CHCs address health disparities through their approach and delivery of care, and through their governance and operational models. These investments have consistently resulted in impactful returns. All should have access to quality, affordable health care in the U.S.

INNOVATION



CHCs, by nature, are hubs of innovation. As they care for underserved communities, CHCs encounter a wide range of challenges, including patients with complex needs and limited resources.



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- CHCs play a unique role in bridging gaps between the health care system and underserved communities and should be supported and incentivized to do this to the best of their ability.
- Providers working in health centers face enormous challenges and should be protected and supported.
- CHCs bear a disproportionate impact of emergencies compared to other major health care providers. Their reimbursement should reflect increased costs across care delivery during times of emergency.
- To be prepared for inevitable emergencies, policymakers must prioritize support for health centers and their vital role in responding to local, state and national emergencies.
- Innovation can make clinical care more patient centric - from the process of scheduling appointments to accessing care via telehealth, to receiving regular reminders of timely care.
- CHCs prioritize governance, staff and strategic partnerships that reflect the unique communities they serve.



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