

We urge Congress to reauthorize the Community Health Center Fund with a Meaningful Funding Increase in 2026

Community health centers need sustained, increased funding to continue their lifesaving work

Unprecedented need requires bold action

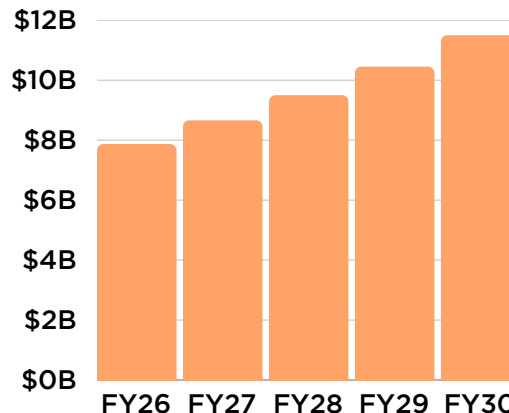
Community health centers (CHCs) reached a record breaking 34 million patients in 2024, providing the gold standard of primary care in America's rural and underserved communities. CHCs are the best investment you can make in health care, saving money by preventing costly complications, creating jobs, and keeping America's workforce healthy.

A bold investment in community health centers ensures quality primary care for veterans, older adults, working families, and other vulnerable populations. CHCs are community-owned and operated, guaranteeing the needs of the local community are a part of the governance of the health center directly.

Congress must reinvest in the Community Health Center Fund with a strong baseline and regular increases to shore up this critical safety net. This funding would allow health centers to grow in four key areas: operations, infrastructure, workforce, and innovation. Both the House and Senate have made strong progress on bipartisan agreements for the CHC Fund that will help health centers and their communities thrive, and we are deeply grateful for their support.

We urge Congress to enact a five-year authorization with 10% year-over-year increases for the Community Health Center Fund as follows:

- **2026: \$7.87 billion**
- **2027: \$8.66 billion**
- **2028: \$9.5 billion**
- **2029: \$10.45 billion**
- **2030: \$11.5 billion**



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

Over a third of Americans do not have access to primary care, which has been shown to prevent and control chronic diseases. A bold investment in the Health Center Program fills a very real need – greater access to primary care for healthy American communities.

What This Investment Delivers

A reinvestment on this scale can allow for:

Developing and expanding value-based care at health centers, which improves patient care and promotes innovation.

Providing population health management specific to the communities FQHCs serve, estimated at \$25/month per patient.

Making capital improvements and expanding to new sites, in order to sufficiently care for centers' patient populations.

Recruiting and retaining the healthcare workforce FQHCs need to provide comprehensive care to patients, from frontline staff to highly trained clinical professionals.

