



ADVOCATES FOR
COMMUNITY
HEALTH



POLICY LEADERSHIP FOR A STRONGER COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER PROGRAM

WHO WE ARE



Advocates for Community Health (ACH) is a nonpartisan, member-driven organization advancing federal policies that strengthen and modernize the Community Health Center (CHC) program. Our members are leaders in care delivery, workforce innovation, and health care access, and their scale provides critical insight into federal policy impacts.



ACH provides policymakers with credible, on-the-ground insight into how federal funding, workforce, and regulatory decisions affect access to care in communities nationwide

SCALING WHAT WORKS IN PRIMARY CARE

Building on 60 years of success in the federal Community Health Center program, ACH is committed to working collaboratively to advance well-defined and forward-thinking health policies at the national level.

Community Health Centers are essential to prevention, chronic disease management, and early intervention—particularly in underserved and rural communities. As demand continues to grow, federal policy decisions will determine whether health centers can meet the moment. ACH believes CHCs are not just a safety net, but the backbone of the health care system. We advocate for the investments and policy flexibility needed to scale what works.

2021

LAUNCH BY
14 FOUNDING
MEMBERS

50

MEMBERS
STRONG
TODAY

4M+

PATIENTS
REPRESENTED

22

STATES
REPRESENTED,
DC & PUERTO RICO

**ACH member community health centers typically:
Operate with \$30M+ annual budgets | Employ 300+ full-time staff | Serve 40,000+ patients/year**



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As demand continues to rise, federal policy decisions will determine whether community health centers (CHCs) can keep their doors open and meet community needs.

Our nation's 1,500 CHCs are community-based and patient-directed organizations that provide high-quality, comprehensive primary health care services to nearly 34 million patients annually, regardless of their ability to pay. ACH ensures policymakers hear directly from health centers operating at scale—amplifying real-world experience to inform smarter policy.

- 1 340B Reform**
Protecting the 340B Drug Discount Program for health centers.


- 2 CHC Funding**
Funding the infrastructure needed to prevent disruptions in the continuity of care and creating a path to long-term financial sustainability.


- 3 Workforce**
Leading workforce development policies that result in organizational resilience.


- 4 Medicaid**
Ensuring the Medicaid program can continue providing health coverage to people who need it.


- 5 Value-Based Care/Advanced Payment Models**
Advocating for advanced payment models that make the delivery of care more flexible, patient centric, and reduce the burden on providers.



Emerging Issues

- 6a Infrastructure Resilience**
Safeguarding health centers against unexpected, severe acts including public health emergencies, natural disasters, cyber attacks, and broader emerging issues.
- 6b Innovation**
Driving policies on emerging technologies to address health center issues.
- 6c Access to Health Care for All**

2026 POLICY PRIORITIES



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