DECEMBER ADVOCACY PUSH

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The Clock is Ticking...

• This has been a long road.
  - Action alerts
  - Fly-ins
  - Hill Day
  - In-district visits
  - Op-eds/LTEs
  - NHCW/Health Center Visits
• We now have three weeks to make sure Congress provides a funding solution.
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<td>H.R. 1943 is introduced in the House, proposing 5 years of funding with gradual increases for health center programs</td>
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<td>The House Energy &amp; Commerce Committee’s Subcommittee on Health holds a hearing for H.R. 2328</td>
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<td>The president signs into law a Continuing Resolution which provides 2-month gap funding to the federal gov’t, including health center programs</td>
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<td>October 2019</td>
<td>Two letters are sent to congressional leadership in support of CHC funding; one receiving signatures from 27 Senators, the other receiving signatures from 88 MOC’s</td>
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<td>The president signs into law a Continuing Resolution which provides one more month of gap funding to the federal gov’t, including health center programs</td>
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On November 21\textsuperscript{st}, the president signed a continuing resolution to extend government funding for another month, until December 20\textsuperscript{th}.

Funding for workforce and health center federal grant programs are also extended to this date.
CHCs were only funded through the annual budget prior to 2010 (Blue)

2010: Congress created a dedicated 5-year fund for growth in CHCs (Orange)

In 2015 & 2018, CHC advocates succeeded in getting 2-year extensions (Gray & Green)

December CR included a 1-month extension of all CHC funding (FY20)
Congress’ December “To-Do” List

CHC Funding:
- Extend Community Health Center Funding, including NHSC, THCGME

Potential ways to pay for our funding:
- House and Senate Drug Pricing Bills
- Surprise Medical Billing Proposals

Other:
- Impeachment Proceedings
But the urgency is even more important.

We appreciate this additional funding patch. BUT our ask continues to be 5 years of funding with increases over time to allow for growth.

We need Congress to take URGENT ACTION to extend the CHC Fund for as long as possible, with as much growth as possible.
Public Support from Congress

Members showing their support in PUBLIC and ON THE RECORD will be the key to success.

NACHC “Menu of Options” on HCAadvocacy.org includes:

- Press releases/statements
- Op-Eds and Blog Posts
- Social Media
- Individual/Delegation support letters
- Short Speeches on the House/Senate Floor
- Visit a local health center
What YOU’VE Done So Far!

Tester pushes for health center funding; Partnership urges long-term certainty

Senators Urge Renewed Funding for Community Health Centers

We Must Ensure Community Health Centers Are Properly Funded

With less than three weeks to go for Congress to approve funding for critical health programs, Gillibrand launches new push for Congress to extend, raise, and reauthorize funding for community health centers

Millions of New Yorkers Depend on Community Health Centers for High-Quality, Comprehensive, and Low-Cost Health Care Services

Letter to the Editor: Access to health care in rural areas

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McSally, bipartisan group of senators urge extended funding for community health centers

Gardner joins bipartisan Senate push for community health center funding
Mobilize your friends and colleagues:

• Dialed-In December Competition
• Action Alerts to Congress
• NEW! LTE/Op-Ed Templates
• Social Media Posts
  #ValueCHCs
If we don’t ask, we won’t get it.

- Seek coverage in local news media
  - Utilize templates online
- Invite Members of Congress & their staff to your holiday celebrations
- Promote your health centers at community events
  - Faith community gatherings
  - Town Halls

Sample Letter to the Editor
Word Count: 278

In the article “...health care access, cost, quality was identified as a top concern among Americans. Families and communities in [state] are facing increasing challenges related to the substance abuse crisis, rural hospital closings and the rising costs of medicine to treat diseases such as diabetes and heart disease. While families’ wages are not increasing, medical costs continue to rise.

[Community Health Center] Community Health Center strengthens our community by ensuring access to quality, affordable health care. We proudly care for _members of our community through primary, dental and behavioral health care. Community Health Centers have been a federal partner for decades because of our documentable track record of providing cost-effective, innovative care.

Congress turns to Community Health Centers to tackle the tough public health issues of our time – caring for veterans, opioid addiction, HIV/AIDS, maternal mortality, and natural disasters. Republican and Democratic lawmakers agree that health centers are small businesses that contribute to the physical and economic health of local communities. Unfortunately, they have not passed long-term, stable funding for Community Health Centers.
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Week of Dec 2-6:
States/Territories East of the Mississippi River

Week of Dec 9-13:
States/Territories West of the Mississippi River

Week of Dec 16-20:
ALL Hands on Deck!

https://www.hcadvocacy.org/dialed-in-december/
Make Your Presence Known

Online Tips & Tools for Success:

- Visit the **Fall Funding Blitz webpage** for current advocacy resources
  - Talking points
  - Vital Impact Estimator
  - Media templates
  - Elevator Pitch Worksheet
  - ...and more!

[https://www.hcadvocacy.org/fallfundingblitz/](https://www.hcadvocacy.org/fallfundingblitz/)
Social Media Graphics

America's health centers generate $54.6 billion in total economic activity each year.

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