

FEDERAL POLICY AND ADVOCACY UPDATE

2018 MIDWEST STREAM FORUM FOR AGRICULTURAL WORKER HEALTH

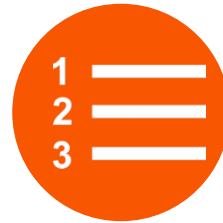
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National Association of Community Health Centers

Agenda



**The Latest on
Capitol Hill, in the
states, and from
the Administration**



**What to
Expect in 2019**



**Staying
Involved with
Health Center
Advocacy**

National Health Center Week was a Huge Success!



1,600+ events in all 50
states plus DC, PR, territories



3,000 media
spots/news stories



40+ state and local
proclamations



700+ Health Centers participating

50 million
impressions on social
media



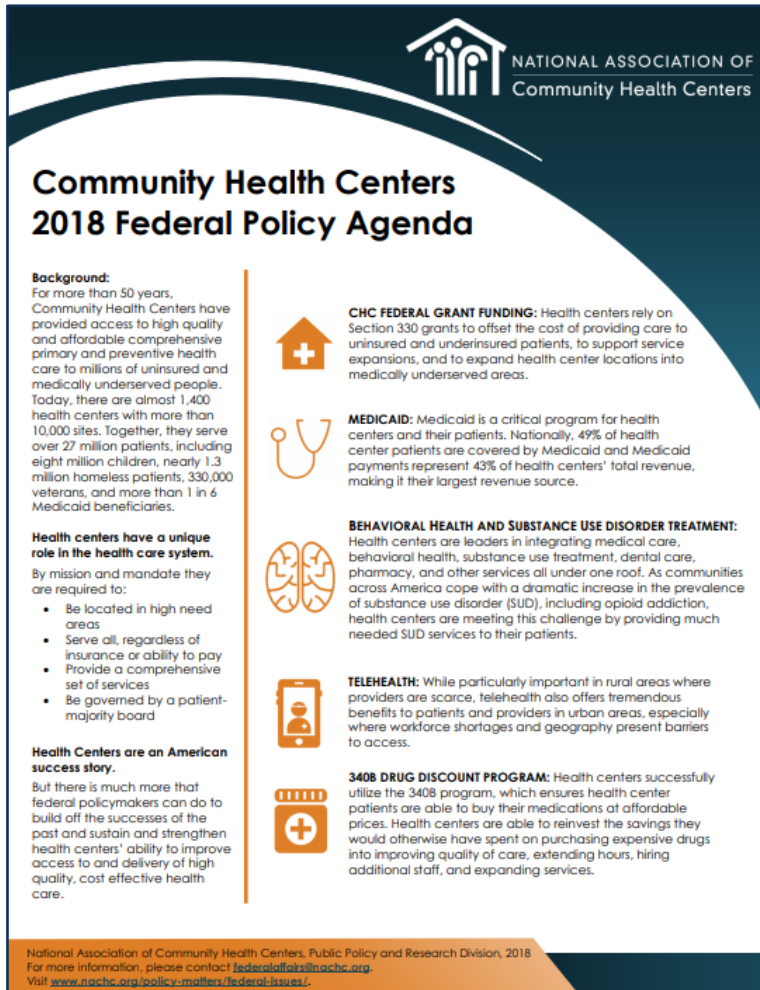
Accomplishments from the 115th Congress

- ✓ **Community Health Centers Fund (CHCF)** – 2 yr extension (+\$600m)
- ✓ **FY17 and FY18 CHC appropriations** maintained/increased (+\$135m in FY18)
- ✓ **National Health Service Corps (NHSC)** – 2 yr extension
- ✓ **Teaching Health Centers (THCGME)** – 2 yr extension
- ✓ **Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) funding** – 10 yr extension
- ✓ **Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV)** – 5 yr extension
- ✓ **Medicare Therapy Caps** – Permanent repeal
- ✓ **Special Diabetes Program** – 2 yr extension
- ✓ **Puerto Rico/U.S. Virgin islands Medicaid** – 2 yr increase to Medicaid caps
- ✓ **Disaster Relief** – \$90B in total, incl. \$60M for CHCs in affected areas
- ✓ **Passage of VA Mission Act** to reauthorize Veterans Choice Act
- ✓ **Prevented ACA repeal/block grant of Medicaid**

Our 2018 Legislative Agenda – 5 Key Areas

- **Federal Grant Funding**
 - FY19 Appropriations; Long term stability for cliff
- **Medicaid**
 - State-federal connection; Protections for overall program and FQHC PPS specifically
- **Behavioral Health/SUD Treatment**
 - Targeted grant funding; Adding billable providers; opioids
- **340B Drug Pricing Program**
 - Maintaining health center access
- **Telehealth**
 - Reimbursing CHCs as distant and originating sites

Workforce issues included throughout agenda



**Community Health Centers
2018 Federal Policy Agenda**

Background:
For more than 50 years, Community Health Centers have provided access to high quality and affordable comprehensive primary and preventive health care to millions of uninsured and medically underserved people. Today, there are almost 1,400 health centers with more than 10,000 sites. Together, they serve over 27 million patients, including eight million children, nearly 1.3 million homeless patients, 330,000 veterans, and more than 1 in 6 Medicaid beneficiaries.

Health centers have a unique role in the health care system.
By mission and mandate they are required to:

- Be located in high need areas
- Serve all, regardless of insurance or ability to pay
- Provide a comprehensive set of services
- Be governed by a patient-majority board

Health Centers are an American success story.
But there is much more that federal policymakers can do to build off the successes of the past and sustain and strengthen health centers' ability to improve access to and delivery of high quality, cost effective health care.

CHC FEDERAL GRANT FUNDING: Health centers rely on Section 330 grants to offset the cost of providing care to uninsured and underinsured patients, to support service expansions, and to expand health center locations into medically underserved areas.

MEDICAID: Medicaid is a critical program for health centers and their patients. Nationally, 49% of health center patients are covered by Medicaid and Medicaid payments represent 43% of health centers' total revenue, making it their largest revenue source.

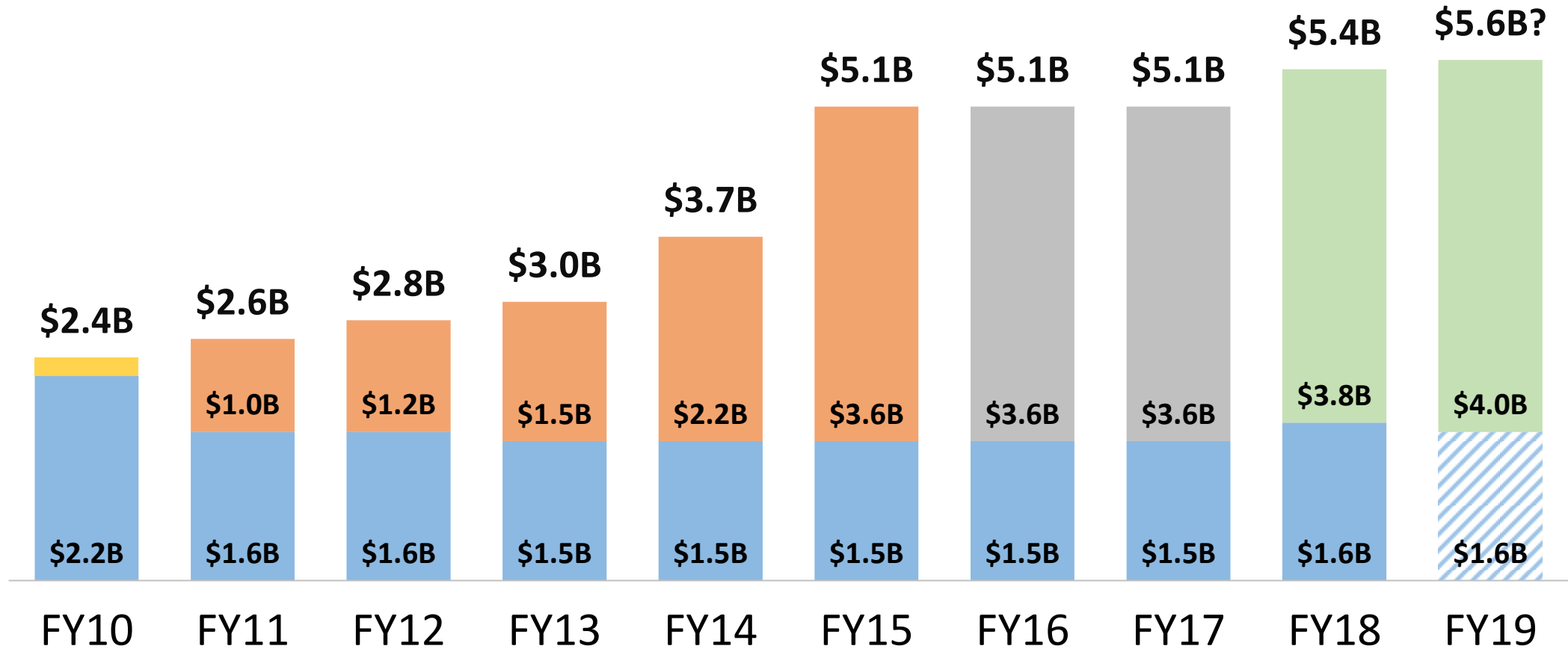
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT: Health centers are leaders in integrating medical care, behavioral health, substance use treatment, dental care, pharmacy, and other services all under one roof. As communities across America cope with a dramatic increase in the prevalence of substance use disorder (SUD), including opioid addiction, health centers are meeting this challenge by providing much needed SUD services to their patients.

TELEHEALTH: While particularly important in rural areas where providers are scarce, telehealth also offers tremendous benefits to patients and providers in urban areas, especially where workforce shortages and geography present barriers to access.

340B DRUG DISCOUNT PROGRAM: Health centers successfully utilize the 340B program, which ensures health center patients are able to buy their medications at affordable prices. Health centers are able to reinvest the savings they would otherwise have spent on purchasing expensive drugs into improving quality of care, extending hours, hiring additional staff, and expanding services.

National Association of Community Health Centers, Public Policy and Research Division, 2018
For more information, please contact federalaffairs@nachc.org
Visit www.nachc.org/policy-matters/federal-issues/.

Community Health Center Funding



■ Base Discretionary Appropriation
 ■ Initial Health Centers Fund
 ■ MACRA
 ■ ARRA
 ■ BBA

End-of-Year Outlook

September

- Wrap up **all 12 Appropriations bills by Sept. 30** – possible Continuing Resolution
- SCOTUS Nomination
- Senate Action on Opioid Bill

(House only in session for 11 days)

October

- Farm Bill?
- Final passage of opioid package?

(House only in session for 8 days)

November - December

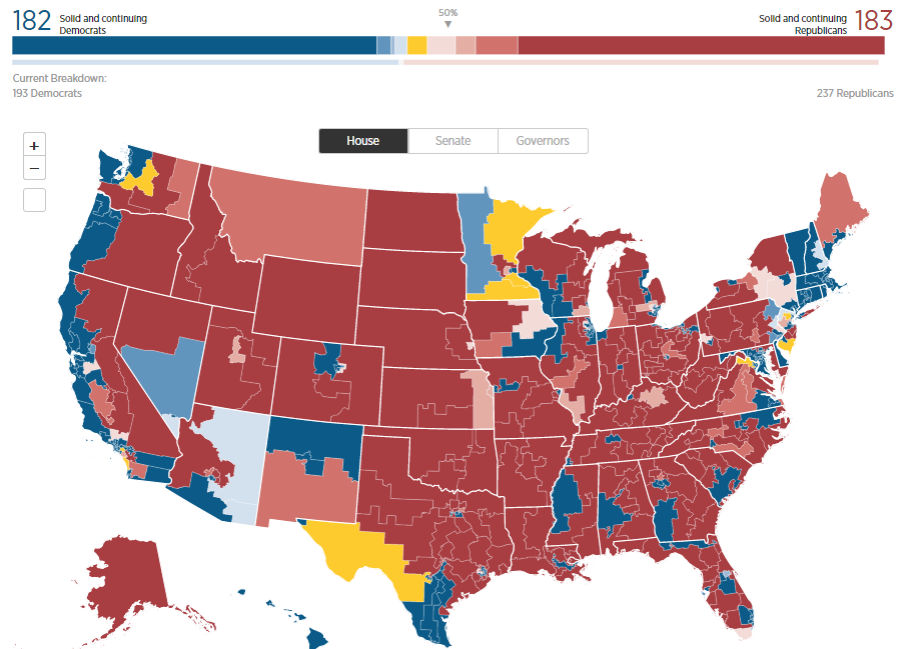
- Mid-term Elections
- Limited voting days
- Congressional leaders negotiating budget deal/lame duck session



2018 Mid-Term Elections

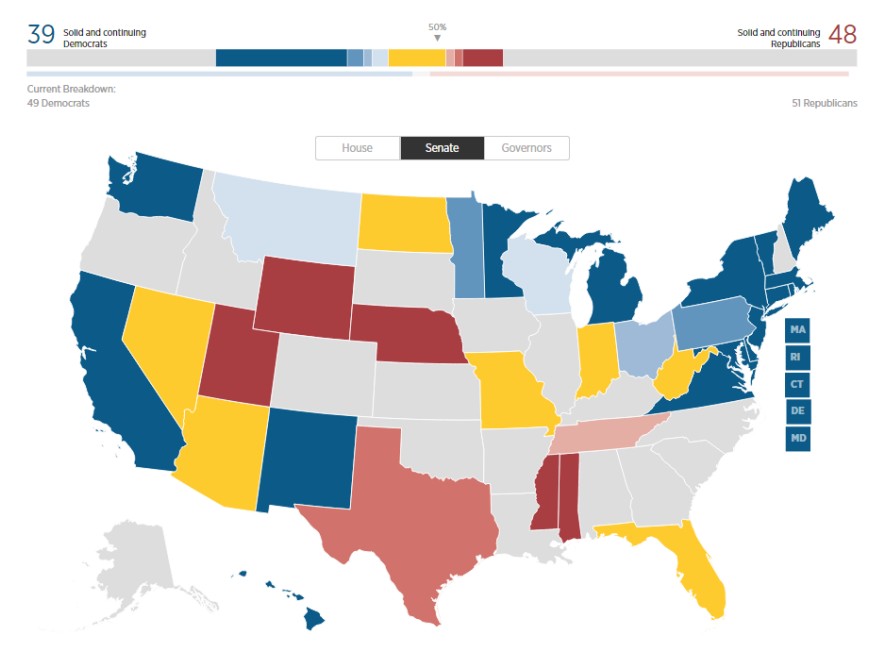
House Seats Up (All 435)

- 237 Republican
- 192 Democrat



Senate Seats Up (35)

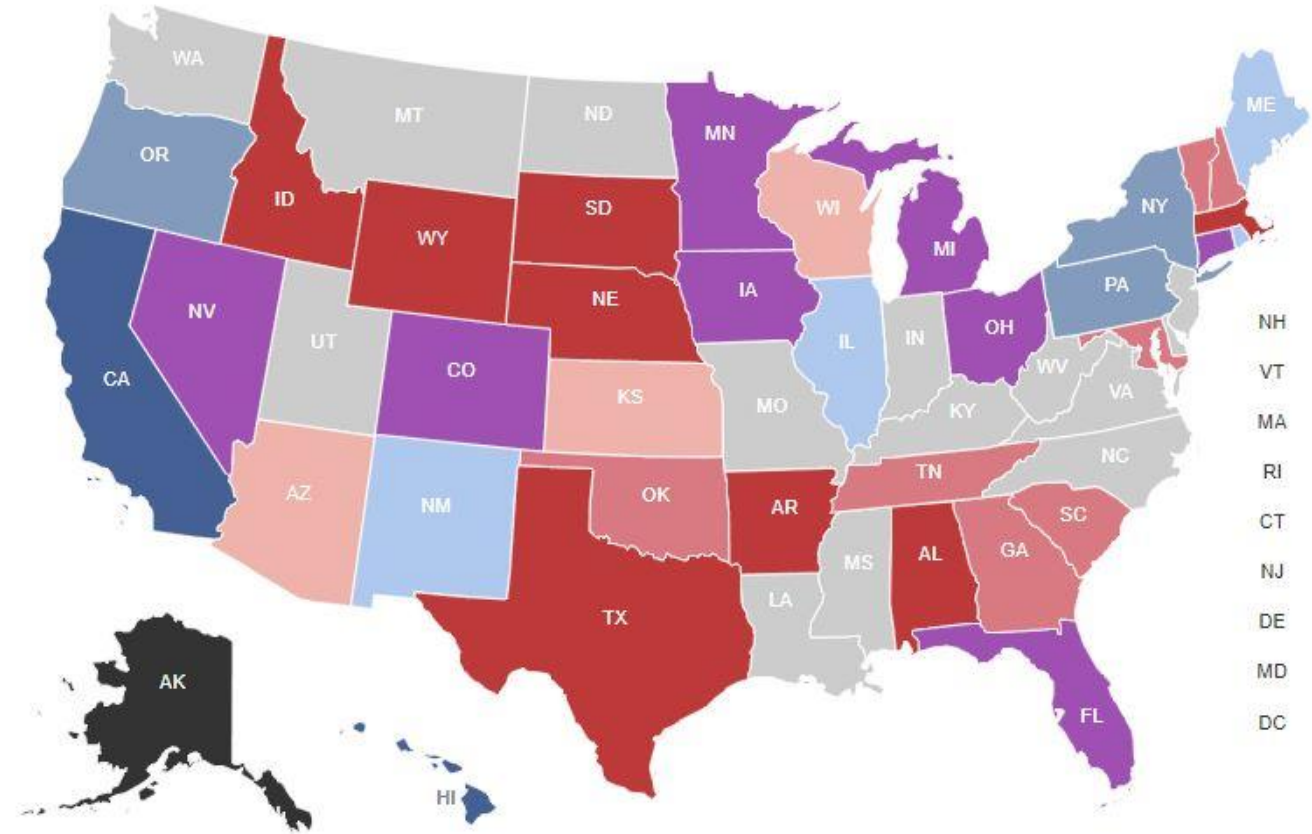
- 8 Republican
- 25 Democrat
- 2 Independents



2018 Governor Races

Gubernatorial office up in 36 States

- Republicans (26)
- Democrats (9)
- Independent (1)



Time to Start Work on the Next Cliff



Engagement, Story, Social Media, Relationships



Sen. Patrick Leahy
@SenatorLeahy

Community Health Centers also support 1600+ full-time jobs in #VT. Let's #ValueCHCs & #Fixthecliff for VT & the nation.



Community health centers await funding that expired months ago

BY JESSIE HELLMANN - 01/23/18 03:38 PM EST

1,866 SHARES

Legislation to extend funding for clinics serving poor and uninsured stalls in Congress

The CHIME Act isn't yet on the congressional calendar -- and funding is set to expire at the end of the month.

Rep. Elise Stefanik
@RepStefanik

Community Health Centers serve over 95,000 #NY21 patients and it's critical we reauthorize their funding!

Stefanik, lawmakers call for leadership support of health ce...
More than 150 members of the House of Representatives signed a letter to House Speaker Paul Ryan and Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi expressing concerns over the expiration of the C...
watertowndailytimes.com

8:44 AM - 31 Oct 2017

Funding Lapse For Community Health Centers Still Looms

By ANH GRAY · JAN 23, 2018



After a brief go... Congress was a funding bill yest... six-year extens... Health Insuranc... But, funding rer... community hea... many CHIP fam... Radio's Anh Gra... head of one Reno-based center to learn more.

Emergency aid is needed for rural, urban community health centers

Federal funding is drying up due to ineptitude. State should step in.

By Editorial Board Star Tribune
JANUARY 26, 2018 -- 6:16PM

Mark Takano
@RepMarkTakano · Sep 26

The @SenateGOP are putting self-imposed deadlines ahead of real deadlines. Community health centers face a 70% cut unless we act this week.



We must fund these health centers this week

REP. MARK TAKANO
@RepMarkTakano



Still waiting for Congress to act, Pennsylvania community health

Rep. Randy Hultgren
@RepHultgren

Community Health Centers offer the kind of preventive and comprehensive services others do not.

Rep. Hank Johnson
@RepHankJohnson

For 50+ years, community health centers have delivered comprehensive, preventive and primary health care to patients #NHCW17 #HealthCenters

Nearly 90% of HRSA-funded health centers provide mental health services.

2010	202,864
2011	302,910
2012	1,036,577
2013	1,118,706
2014	1,221,436



SOAPBOX

Don't leave community health centers in limbo

BY CARMELA CASTELLANO-GARCIA

Cold Shoulder Sends Shivers Through Community Health Centers

By Rachel Bluth | September 27, 2017




3 NEWS

FUNDING COMMUNITY HEALTH

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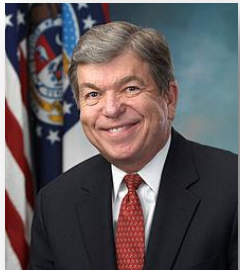
Today for the Vermont-born company Keurig, The

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Ask Members to Join our Congressional Community Health Centers Caucuses!

Senate Caucus

13 Members | Co- chairs (2 R, 2 D)



Roy Blunt (R-MO)



Tom Carper (D- DE)



Ben Cardin (D- MD)



John Cornyn (R- TX)

House Caucus

65 Members | Co-chairs (2 R, 2 D)



Kay Granger (R- TX)



Michael Capuano (D- MA)



Danny Davis (D- IL)



Elise Stefanik (R- NY)

National Voter Registration Day



Mark your calendar:
Tuesday, September 25



National Voter Registration Day

NVRD 2018 is right around the corner—make sure you’re ready to get colleagues, patients, and other community members registered!

Recursos en español incluyen:

- Un “Registrarse para Votar” póster
- Un vídeo “Comó registrar a alguien para votar en un centro de salud”
- Una lista de comprobación para la inscripción de votantes
- Información sobre fondos federales e inscripción de votantes

Advocacy Legalese/Election Resources

For information on legal implications of advocacy, including a Q&A on lobbying, past webinars, and sample policies for your Health Center, visit www.hcadvocacy.org/legalese.



For information on engaging candidates, advocacy on ballot measures, getting out the vote, and more, visit www.nonprofitvote.org.

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 - Upcoming events
 - Action Alerts
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 - Advocacy tips
 - and more!
- Have ideas? ¿Tienes ideas? We welcome your feedback!
- Email grassroots@nachc.org to get added to the list!



Estimado Aliza --

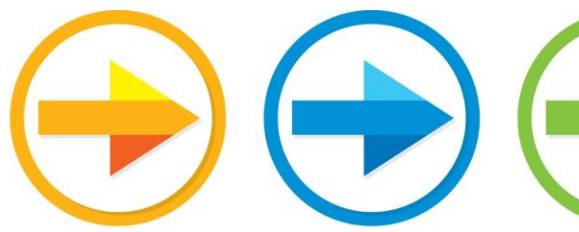
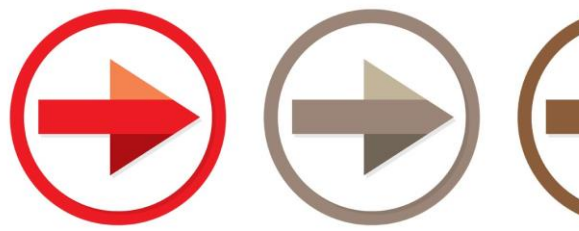
¡El verano ha terminado y se está convirtiendo en un otoño ocupada! Muchísimas gracias por su ayuda a hacer la semana nacional de los centros de salud un éxito "heroico". Con más de 1.600 eventos locales en más de 700 centros de salud, 3.000 artículos y otros medios de comunicación, y 50 millones impresiones sobre los medios sociales, los héroes de salud de nuestra nación realmente brillaron el mes pasado! Siga leyendo para más importante información de este mes.

Celebramos el Mes Nacional de la Herencia Hispana

Cada año, el mes nacional de la herencia hispana esta observada del 15 de septiembre hasta el 15 de octubre, celebrando las historias, las culturas y las contribuciones de las personas Hispanos que viven en los Estados Unidos y sus cuyos antepasados procedían de España, México, el Caribe, y centro y Sudamérica. Los centros de salud comunitarios están encargados de proporcionar atención culturalmente competente, y es importante recordar que el 35% de los pacientes de los centros de salud son hispanos/latinxs — el mayor grupo de minorías raciales/étnicas atendido por centros de salud.

No se olvide revistar nuestros [recursos para correr la voz sobre los centros de salud](#) en su centro de salud, la sala de espera, o durante eventos en la comunidad como ferias de salud y más de [La Red de Defensores de los Centros de Salud](#).

Immigration – What You Can Do?

1. Join the Health Center Immigration Workgroup.
2. Share CA PCA's P&Ps around immigration with your health centers. 
3. Counter the “chilling effect” by educating patients. 
4. Be prepared to comment on a proposed regulation on public charge when it is published.

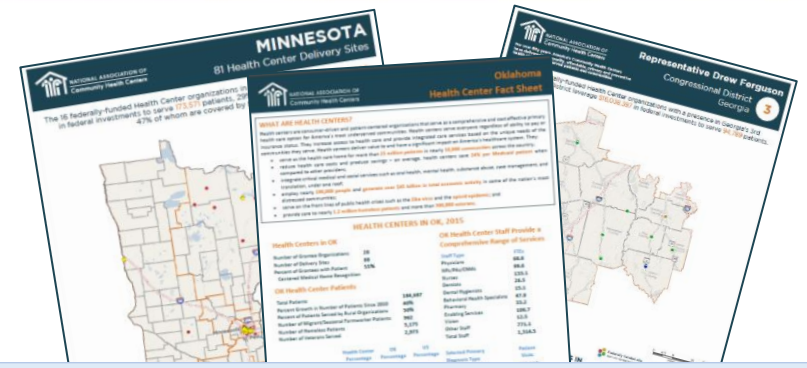
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Links for the first three items can be found on the NACHC webpage – search for “NACHC Immigrant Patients”

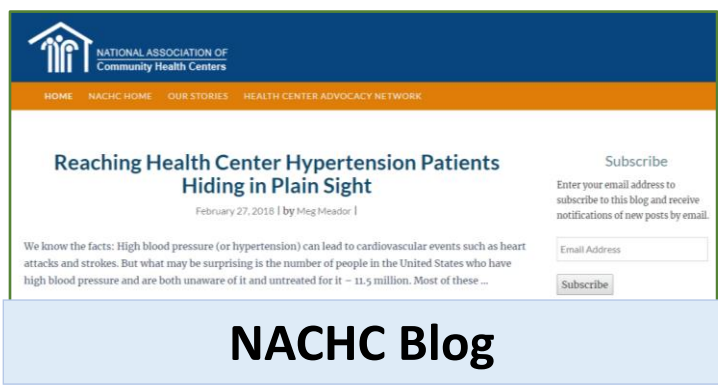
Online Resources



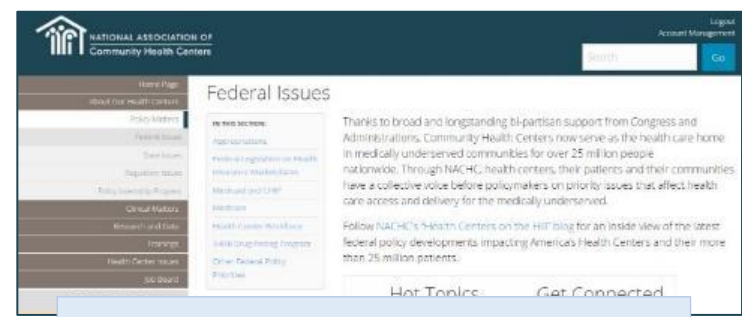
NACHC Policy Papers



State and Congressional District Maps, State Fact Sheets



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For these and other materials, go to www.nachc.org/policy-matters



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internet

www.hcadvocacy.org/defensor



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