FEDERAL POLICY AND ADVOCACY UPDATE

2018 MIDWEST STREAM FORUM FOR AGRICULTURAL WORKER HEALTH

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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
- **50 million** impressions on social media
- **40+** state and local proclamations
- **700+** Health Centers participating
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 Center Funding

- **Base Discretionary Appropriation**: Blue
- **Initial Health Centers Fund**: Orange
- **MACRA**: Gray
- **ARRA**: Yellow
- **BBA**: Green

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*FY10-FY19*
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
ELECTION AHEAD
2018 Mid-Term Elections

House Seats Up (All 435)
- 237 Republican
- 192 Democrat

Senate Seats Up (35)
- 8 Republican
- 25 Democrat
- 2 Independents
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
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
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
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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• Monthly newsletter, written in Spanish, for health center advocates
  • Upcoming events
  • Action Alerts
  • Health Awareness themes
  • Advocacy tips
  • and more!

• Have ideas? ¿Tienes ideas? We welcome your feedback!

• Email grassroots@nachc.org to get added to the list!
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.

*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

NACHC Blog
NACHC Webpage
NACHC Fact Sheets

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

www.hcadvocacy.org/defensor

Seminarios de internet

Presentaciones

Folletos, infographics

Imagenes para medios sociales

Hoja de compromiso
Questions?

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