

ADVANCING THE EVOLUTION OF HEALTH CARE



ACCESS

To expand Access, please:

- Sign the Fiscal Year 2017 Bilirakis-Green Health Center Funding Dear Colleague letter by **March 19**.
- Enter the programmatic amount of **\$1.5 billion discretionary for the Community Health Centers Program** into the request database for FY2017.
- Commit to taking action well before the **September 2017** deadline to make the **Health Centers Fund permanent**.
- Urge Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to **approve California's 1332 waiver request**, once submitted, that seeks to expand Covered California's non-subsidized insurance options to people even if they do not meet federal enrollment qualifications.



WORKFORCE

To support Workforce, please:

- Fund the **National Health Service Corps** program at the President's Budget Request of **\$380 million discretionary funding**, to provide scholarships and loan repayment.
- Fund the **Teaching Health Centers** program at **\$95 million either through appropriations or another legislative vehicle to make current programs whole**, which would provide the full \$150,000 per resident through the end of 2017.
- Fund the **Area Health Education Centers** program at **\$40 million discretionary funding**, to improve the supply and distribution of providers through community/academic educational partnerships.
- **Pass S. 2151** Family Health Care Accessibility Act to expand health centers' medical liability coverage to volunteer providers.
- **Pass H.R. 4442 and S. 2484** CONNECT for Health Act to improve access to telehealth technology.



INTEGRATION

To promote Integration, please:

- **Pass H.R. 4435** Comprehensive Behavioral Health Reform and Recovery Act of 2016, which mandates reimbursement for primary care and behavioral health visits made on the same day.
- **Join the Bipartisan Caucus on Community Health Centers** to support health centers paving the way toward a more integrated, patient-centered, prevention-focused health care system. To join, Members of Congress can contact Representatives Granger, Davis, or Capuano.
- **Visit a health center** during an upcoming district work period, or during National Health Center Week (August 7-13, 2016).



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