

HCP Member Talking Points for NACHC P&I – March 2017

- Everyone needs a place to go for care. Health Centers are a local solution to the National challenge of access to primary care. 95% of Districts have at least one CHC.
- Health Centers deliver value and impact for the health system and the taxpayer:
 - ACCESS – 25 million patients in 10,000 locations
 - INTEGRATED CARE – Medical, Dental, Behavioral Health under one roof
 - COST SAVINGS – 24% lower Total Medicaid costs, plus additional savings to system
 - ECONOMIC IMPACT – 188,852 employees, \$39 billion in economic activity
- Health Center stability rests on two key pillars: targeted federal investments and strong Medicaid program;

Therefore, we respectfully ask that you:

FISCAL CLIFF & FQHCs

Sustain Health Center funding on long-term basis by fixing the FISCAL CLIFF set to expire on 9/30/17.

- Without Congressional action, health centers across the country face a combined 70% cut in federal funding – potentially damaging all patient access gains achieved over the past 7 years.
- HCP members are looking at a loss of \$29 million.
- Make no mistake, this means patients will lose ACCESS to care.

Strong Medicaid (Medi-Cal) Program

Support a strong Medicaid program that works for low-income families, kids, adults, the elderly and the disabled.

- Medi-Cal through the ACA in California is working!
- Nearly 4 million Californians have benefited the expanded program.
- ACCESS to the safety net program is vital for low income families who have incomes just slightly above the poverty level as these families are struggling simply to SURVIVE.
- With the cost of living factored in, California has the highest poverty level rate in the Nation.
- Without Medi-Cal, these families will be forced to delay seeking care or return to getting care in the MOST COSTLY place possible – emergency rooms.

Please don't put patient's coverage at risk.

- Health Centers want to be a part of a solution that works for all Americans. This begins with protecting the coverage gains we've seen through the ACA and building a stronger system that ultimately addresses the high costs of medical care for all.



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