

# Protect Our Care – Value Community Health Centers

- **Health Centers are Important Businesses in the Community:** HCP member health centers contributed more than \$1.1 billion to San Diego, Riverside & Imperial counties and supported more than 9,000 jobs.
- **Health Centers are Cost Effective:** In addition to being economic drivers in local communities, health centers save the Medicaid/Medi-Cal system money – providing care to patients for 22% less cost than other primary care providers. Statewide: Health Centers see 1 in 5 of all Medi-Cal beneficiaries for only 2.8% of costs.
- **Health Care for Safety Net Patients is at Risk:** 95% of health center patients live below 200% of the federal poverty line – constituting the majority who gained coverage in California under Medicaid expansion and those who received subsidies in Covered California.

## The FISCAL CLIFF & Federally Qualified Health Centers

### **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.

## Support a 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 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.

