NYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS
FACTS 2027

COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION of New York State
chcanys.org

Increase New York's Uncompensated Care Pool to Care for Every New Yorker

New York's Health Centers are a Lifeline for Uninsured Communities

- Community Health Centers (CHCs) care for 2.5 million New Yorkers every year—that's **1 in 8** residents statewide.
- CHCs are the primary care safety net for NY's most vulnerable populations, ensuring that everyone has access to care, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay.
- CHCs serve **1 in 3 uninsured New Yorkers** statewide and provide over 1M visits to uninsured patients. For uninsured New Yorkers, CHCs are often the difference between care and no care.
- CHCs are already absorbing significant uncompensated care costs to ensure uninsured New Yorkers have access to essential health services.

H.R. 1 Will Intensify Demand for Uncompensated Care

- H.R. 1 will leave CHCs with more uninsured patients and fewer resources. Medicaid work requirements, more frequent eligibility verifications, Essential Plan changes, and reduced Marketplace subsidies will cause more New Yorkers to lose coverage. As more New Yorkers lose coverage, CHCs will face growing demand for care without the resources to sustain it.
- While the full impact of H.R. 1 is still unfolding, CHCANYS analysis estimates:
  - **250,000 current health center patients could lose coverage**
  - **CHCs could lose $300M annually** (~11% of all revenue)
  - **The number of uninsured patients served by CHCs could triple,** reaching almost 1M statewide

An Already Strained Safety Net Cannot Shoulder More Uncompensated Care

- Decades of underfunding have left CHCs financially strained, struggling to sustain essential services amid rising operating costs, workforce shortages, and growing community needs.
- CHCs depend on Medicaid to keep their doors open. It is the single largest source of CHC revenue, accounting for 42% of total CHC revenue statewide.
- Yet, New York's outdated Medicaid reimbursement system has failed to keep pace with the cost of delivering care. Still based on costs from 1999/2000, reimbursement has not accounted for decades of inflation, workforce costs, and increasing demand for services.
- CHCs cannot continue to absorb rising costs of care while shouldering an ever-growing burden of uncompensated care without additional state support.

The Fix: Increase New York's Uncompensated Care Pool

- The Uncompensated Care Pool (UCP), funded equally by the state and federal governments, provides financial support by partially offsetting the costs providing care to uninsured patients.
- According to the Department of Health, New York's UCP is already about **$70 million short** of what CHCs need to care for uninsured patients.
- H.R. 1 will widen this funding gap. Without increased UCP funding, CHCs will struggle to sustain services as more uninsured patients turn to them for care.

More uninsured New Yorkers mean greater uncompensated care. New York must increase the Uncompensated Care Pool to help health centers continue caring for those who need them most.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION of New York State
111 BROADWAY, SUITE 1402, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10006