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It seems that every day we read headlines about a health care system that is increasingly disorganized, confusing, and unaffordable for many families. What gets lost in the greater debate is that there is already a bright spot in our system that saves money and delivers great value for patients: community health centers. These health centers serve as true medical homes, where doctors, nurses and other providers work closely and respectfully as a team with 1.4 million New Yorkers at over 500 sites statewide to prevent — or manage — costly chronic diseases at affordable costs. This is health care at its best – simple, effective, and easy to navigate.

With National Health Center Week quickly approaching, (August 5-11), I invite my representatives in Congress to visit health centers in their districts and help us celebrate the organizations that truly power healthier communities.