

Community Health Care Association of New York State

HRSA Awards Over \$10.5 Million to New York State to Expand Community Health Centers

The Community Health Care Association of New York State (CHCANYS) is pleased to announce that the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has awarded grants totaling over \$10.5 million to 20 community, migrant and/or homeless health center programs across New York State in order to establish new health service delivery points. A total of \$128.6 million was awarded across the United States in the form of 219 awards. New York received the second largest number of awards in the country.

Distinguishing this round of awards is the wide geographic area represented. With assistance from the New York State Health Foundation and the Community Health Foundation of Western and Central New York, CHCANYS provided intensive technical assistance and support to a number of applicants located in historically underfunded, medically underserved regions of the state, ensuring their ability to remain nationally competitive. Half of the grants awarded in New York were made possible as a result of these collaborative efforts.

"The timing of these awards is in perfect synch with New York State's efforts to restructure the health care system to focus on expanding access to high quality primary care. A community-based health care infrastructure with sufficient primary care at its center is critical to building and sustaining the high-performing, integrated systems of care that will achieve the Triple Aim of better health, better care, and lower costs. These federal dollars will support New York State's efforts but the State must continue to build on these new resources," said Elizabeth Swain, President & CEO of CHCANYS.

This funding opportunity is historic in its significance as it represents an unprecedented investment by the federal government in FQHCs and has the potential to expand New York State's primary care system as never before, bringing essential new services to some of the highest-need areas. The awards announced today will infuse critical dollars into New York's health centers and their surrounding communities, enhancing health centers' ability to serve more patients and creating thousands of jobs across the country.

CHCANYS extends its congratulations to the awardees:

Bronx Community Health Network Community Health Center of Buffalo Community Health Center of Richmond East Hill Family Medical Ezra Medical Center Ezras Choilim Health Center HELP/PSI Services Corporation Hudson Headwaters Health Network Hudson River Health Care
North Country Children's Clinic
Northern Oswego County Health Services
Northwest Buffalo Community Health Care Center
Oak Orchard Community Health Center
Open Door Family Medical Center
Southern Tier Community Health Center Network / Universal Primary Care
The Chautauqua Center
The Floating Hospital
The Greater Hudson Valley Family Health Center
Urban Health Plan
William F. Ryan Community Health Center

As New York's Primary Care Association, the Community Health Care Association of New York State is dedicated to creating and sustaining access for all New Yorkers to high-quality, patient-centered health care. CHCANYS represents more than 60 community, migrant and homeless health centers that provide primary, preventive and dental care, as well as community-based services to anyone in need regardless of their insurance status or ability to pay.

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