

FQHC Expansion: Opportunities, Challenges and Action



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The Opportunities

- Evidence Demonstrates Need for FQHC Expansion
 - 2+ Million Lack Primary Care Access
 - *Early* FQHC Expansion Critical to Achieving DSRIP Goals
 - PPS Community Needs Assessments
 - CHCANYS Growth and Sustainability Plan Lays Roadmap
- State Policy Opens *Potential* FQHC Expansion Opportunities
 - CON Changes
 - PPS Patient Attribution Model
 - \$1.2 Billion Capital Fund
 - Quality-based payment reform (NCQA 2014, MMC Contracts, Advanced Primary Care)
- Investors Increasingly Recognizing Impact and Value of FQHCs
 - CDFIs, Private Sector Lenders Making Strategic Investments
 - FQHC/Lender Partnerships Encourage Growth, Sustainability
 - 1/3 of FQHC ACA expansion with CDFIs (Capital Link)
 - 0.2% default rate (Capital Link)

The Challenges

- Lack of Capital
 - \$1.2 Billion Not Enough, Slow (over 5-6 years)
 - Competition with Hospitals, Nursing Homes, etc.
 - Will Require Access to Affordable Financing
 - Risk/Uncertainty Impacts Capital Affordability
- PPS Structure and Role of FQHCs
 - Who is In Charge?
 - Impact of MMC Payment Reform
- 330 Funding Cliff
 - How Severe?
 - Impact on NYS FQHCs (Collectively and Individually)

Actions to Increase Capital for FQHCs

- Advocate for FQHC Expansion
 - Key Message: FQHC Expansion Critical to DSRIP; Policies and Resources Must Follow
 - CHCANYS and PCDC Collaboration
 - FQHCs, CDFIs, other Key Stakeholders
- Ensure FQHC Expansion Part of PPS Capital Plans
 - Evidence of Need, Impact and Sustainability
 - Well-Developed Expansion Plans
 - Evidence of Non-State Matching Investment (i.e. Debt, Equity, Foundation)
- Policies to Accelerate FQHC Expansion and Capital Access
 - State-Backed Credit Enhancement to Encourage Lending, Lower Borrowing Costs
 - Use New Markets Tax Credits with \$1.2 Billion Fund
 - Regulatory Relief (CHCANYS Recommendations)
 - MMC Reform that Values Sustainable, Evidence-Based Primary Care Model