

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY DAY

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015

EMPIRE STATE PLAZA, ALBANY



Capital Funding

Request

Earmark \$350 Million of the \$1.4 Billion in Capital Funding for Investment in Community-Based Safety Net Providers, Including FQHCs.

- This amount is equal to the 25% reduction in avoidable hospital use that the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program seeks to achieve within five years.

Background:

- **The Executive Budget proposes no clear capital investment into community-based safety net providers, including FQHCs, and instead continues to focus on hospital-based care.**
- Over the past four years, New York State's healthcare agenda, including the DSRIP program, has focused on transforming the health care system by reducing unnecessary hospital use and improving access to community-based care.
- **FQHCs are critical to these efforts to create high-performing primary care networks** across New York.
- **Primary care expansion requires access to affordable capital.** Capital funds help providers:
 - Build new sites;
 - Expand existing sites;
 - Renovate outdated facilities;
 - Purchase health information technology;
 - Increase patient access through telemedicine and mobile medical vans.
- We applaud the Administration's vision and direction, but the proposed budget makes it **extremely difficult or impossible for community-based safety net providers to access these capital dollars.**
- **Capital funding must support New York State's healthcare agenda— and that means allowing safety net providers to directly access capital dollars.**