

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY DAY

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015

EMPIRE STATE PLAZA, ALBANY



Uncompensated Care Pool

Request

Ensure that the Diagnostic & Treatment Center Uncompensated Care Pool (D&TC UCP) is Fully Funded

Background

- The Governor's budget includes \$54.4 Million for the D&TC UCP, which is typically matched by the federal government.
 - However, **CMS has yet to approve the match for this year, which could result in a \$54.4 million shortfall for health centers.**
- According to our mission and our mandate, **FQHCs are only located in designated underserved communities**, and they provide access to primary and preventive health care regardless of insurance status or ability to pay.
- Although FQHCs have robust outreach and enrollment programs, **22% of health center patients are uninsured.**
- **The D&TC UCP offsets the cost of caring for the uninsured** and ensures that FQHCs can continue to serve as safety net providers for uninsured New Yorkers.
- Without this funding, **FQHCs may face operating cost shortfalls and their financial viability may be severely impacted.**