



Federally Qualified Health Centers: The Key to Community Health



2017 New York State Budget and Legislative Priorities

Ensure Continued Access to Care for All New Yorkers, Including the Uninsured

Add \$20 Million to the Diagnostic & Treatment Center Indigent Care Funding

Increasing the funding for indigent care by \$20M will maintain 2016 funding levels, reduce potential financial harm to federally qualified health centers (FQHC) and other safety-net providers who serve the uninsured, and ensure that all New Yorkers have access to high quality, community-based primary and preventive care.

Don't Allow Unilateral Changes to Appropriation

Currently, the Executive Budget proposal attaches language to appropriations (including D&TC Indigent Care Funding) allowing for the Executive branch to unilaterally change or strike appropriations after the budget is agreed to by the Legislature. Funding to support access to care for New York's most vulnerable should not be subject to unilateral changes.

Invest in Community-Based Providers to Support Transformation Efforts

Allocate \$125 Million of the \$500 Million Health Care Facility Transformation Fund to Community-Based Health Care Providers

A minimum of 25% the fund (\$125M) should be allocated to community-based health care providers to support their ongoing participation in transformation efforts. In the past six years, community-based health care providers have received only approximately 6% of such available funding.

Support Existing Programs

- **Unbundle and restore funding for School-Based Health Centers to last year's level of \$21 Million**
The Executive Budget proposal consolidates funding lines for 39 discrete programs, including school-based health centers (SBHC), into 4 competitive pools and cuts the funding for each pool by 20%. This proposal puts \$21 million in non-Medicaid funding for SBHCs at risk.
- **Appropriate \$430,000 for Migrant Health Care Programs**
This would restore funding to previous fiscal year levels (FY 2012-13) for Migrant Health Care programs across New York State.
- **Reject the \$10 Million Funding Reduction for Enhanced Payments to the Primary Care Medical Home Program**
- **Maintain Support for the Primary Care Service Corps and Doctors Across New York**
- **Add \$20M to the Community Health Care Revolving Capital Fund**