



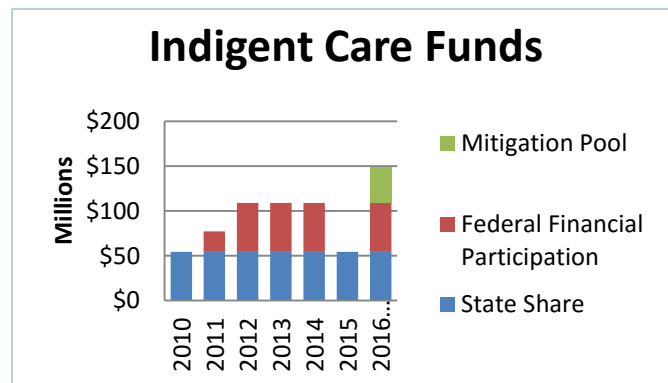
Support Access to Healthcare for All New Yorkers: Increase Indigent Care Funding by \$20M

Diagnostic and Treatment Center (D&TC) Indigent Care Funding provides funding to federally qualified health centers (FQHC) and other safety net providers to help offset the overall cost of caring for **uninsured patients**.

- Despite the introduction of the ACA and robust insurance enrollment assistance programs at all of New York's FQHCs, the number of uninsured patients seen at FQHCs has slowly increased over the past 10 years.
- This fund is the only state funding source dedicated to community-based safety providers.

Since 2012, indigent care funding has comprised **\$54.4M in state funding and \$54.4M in federal matching funding** for a total of \$108.8M annually.

The waiver that governed the distribution of the federal indigent care funds expired at end of 2014 and, as a result, FQHCs experienced **a 50% cut – a \$54.4M shortfall** – in 2015.



CHCANYS worked with the State to secure a federal match for 2016 and beyond, but the federal government mandated a **new distribution formula for indigent care funds** which disproportionately affects providers serving the highest number of uninsured patients.

A one-year funding pool was created to mitigate financial harm to recipients in 2016, but unless \$20M is added to the State's indigent care funding, these providers will face **financial losses in 2017 and beyond**.

A decrease in indigent care funding may unnecessarily increase reliance on more costly forms of care, precisely at a time when many people are at risk of losing coverage due to potential federal actions.

Adding \$20M to the D&TC Indigent Care Funding will maintain 2016 funding levels and ensure safety net providers are able to continue providing comprehensive, community-based primary care to all New Yorkers.