



## COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE 2018 NEW YORK STATE BUDGET PRIORITIES

### Maintain Access to Care for All New Yorkers, Including the Uninsured

- **Maintain level funding of \$54.4M for the Diagnostic and Treatment Center Safety Net Pool** to ensure that all New Yorkers, including the 16% of FQHC patients who are uninsured, are able to continue to access comprehensive primary care at health centers.

### Invest in High-Quality, Community-Based Primary Care Providers

- **Reject \$20M reduction to Primary Care Medical Home (PCMH) Incentive Payment Program.** For several years, NYS has promoted PCMH as the standard for high-quality primary care, yet it is now seeking to drastically reduce payments to certified providers. Over 90% of FQHCs are PCMH certified and use these funds to partially cover the cost of care management services for patients.
- **Allocate a minimum of \$60M of the Statewide Health Care Facility Transformation Program solely for community-based health care providers,** notwithstanding an additional \$20M set-aside for Assisted Living Program Providers. This amount is proportionate with prior year capital funding set-asides for community-based providers.

### Expand Access to Care through Telehealth Services and Integrated Care

- **Support the expanded definition of “originating site”** that allows patients to receive telehealth services in a variety of locations, including their homes.
- Support budget language that **eliminates existing limits on the volume of substance use and behavioral health services that may be provided at a primary care site.**

### Support Existing Programs

- **Maintain \$406,000 in funding for the Migrant Health Care Program.**
- **Maintain \$1M for the Primary Care Service Corps and \$9M for the Doctors Across New York Program.**
- **Maintain \$17M in grant funding for School-Based Health Centers (SBHC) and restore \$4M to the 16 SBHC sponsors whose grants were disproportionately reduced last year.**