

### 2019 Budget Priorities

- **Address Federal threats to coverage for immigrants by adding \$20M to the Diagnostic and Treatment Center (D&TC) Safety Net Pool, ensuring continued access to primary care for all New Yorkers regardless of immigration status.**
  - The Safety Net Pool currently provides \$54.4M in State funding to help cover the cost of caring for the 16% of health center patients who are uninsured, most of whom are undocumented immigrants.
  - Due to proposed federal changes to public charge regulations and hostile language against immigrants, nearly 95,000 health center patients in NYS will likely lose access to Medicaid coverage, which translates to a loss of up to \$100M in annual Medicaid revenue for NY health centers.
  - Over half of NYS health centers that responded to a recent CHCANYS survey reported that they have already seen an increase in the number of individuals who are eligible but not enrolling in public benefit programs, including Medicaid due to concerns over deportation, inability to attain a green card, or inability to sponsor a loved one to attain legal permanent status.
  - Adding \$20M in state funding to the Safety Net Pool will help ensure that health centers are able to continue providing comprehensive primary care services for undocumented immigrants and others without health insurance coverage.
  
- **Ensure level funding for providers participating in the Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) program to support comprehensive primary care services.**
  - Increasing access to high-quality, comprehensive primary care services is a key component of the State's transformation effort.
  - PCMH incentive payments support increased care management, a service at the heart of the transition to value-based payment.
  - Any cuts to the amount providers receive per patient is a threat to health centers' ability to provide the full range of comprehensive services required under PCMH.
  
- **Maintain level funding for the Doctors Across New York (DANY) program to help address recruitment and retention challenges experienced by community health centers.**
  
- **Support the Governor's proposal to allow agencies to waive regulations for providers who implemented programs under a DSRIP waiver to ensure continued access to innovative care models.**
  - Many health centers have used DSRIP waiver authority to enhance their integrated behavioral health services.
  
- **Restore funding for the Population Health Improvement Program to ensure ongoing regional coordination to improve population health.**
  - PHIPs work across sectors to share resources and promote DOH's many population health initiatives, including the prevention agenda, State Health Innovation plan, and DSRIP