Federal grant funding for the Health Center program currently comes from two sources:

- $1.63 billion in annual discretionary appropriations and
- $4.0 billion in the Community Health Center Fund (CHCF) - which will expire on September 30, 2019 without Congressional action.

Federal investments supporting the health center system of care must be sustained in a long-term and stable manner to ensure health centers’ ability to plan for the future, recruit staff, and expand services for patients, as well as to reduce the uncertainty caused by year-to-year renewals of this critical investment in access to care.

Health centers deliver an excellent return on this federal investment:

- They reach individuals with the greatest difficulty accessing or affording health care services, including those with chronic disease at risk for costly health complications, and guarantee them access to high-quality care, improving health outcomes and narrowing health disparities.

- Health centers are efficient and save the health care system $24 billion every year, reducing unnecessary inpatient hospitalizations and ER use.

- As local, non-profit businesses, health centers promote economic growth in distressed communities, generating $54.6 billion in total economic activity each year and employing over 220,000 people across the country. In fact, every $1 in federal 330 investments generates $5.73 in economic activity.

**How you can help:** Cosponsor at least one piece of legislation to extend long-term and stable funding for the Community Health Center Fund:

- **S. 106/ H.R. 1983, Community Health Investment, Modernization, and Excellence (CHIME) Act (Blunt/Stabenow)** - provides 5 years of funding for the CHCF including ~4% annual growth ($4.2B in FY20 through $5.0B in FY24).

- **S. 192, Community and Public Health Programs Extension Act (Alexander/Murray)** - provides 5 years of level funding for the CHCF ($4B/year FY20-24).

- **S. 962/ H.R. 1943, Community Health Center and Primary Care Workforce Expansion Act (Sen. Sanders, Rep. Clyburn)** - provides 5 years of funding for the CHCF including ~10% annual growth ($5.6B in FY20 through $8.2B in FY24).