

Include All FQHCs in the Paycheck Protection Program
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Dear Colleague:

Please join us in a letter to House leadership urging them to lift the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) 500 employee cap for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) in the next COVID-19 legislative package. As you know, FQHCs are a critical resource for vulnerable populations, serving the uninsured, the underserved, or those enrolled in Medicaid. Their ability to provide health services to all people, regardless of their ability to pay, is crucial to the success of our ongoing efforts to combat the COVID-19 epidemic. FQHCs will also serve a larger role as people who have lost their employer-provided insurance will seek out their services.

It is clear that FQHCs will need additional support in order to continue to provide essential services to their patients. While many have been able to receive relief under the PPP, many larger FQHCs, some with just over 500 employees, are faced with difficult financial situations as their patient population grows. In order to ensure that they may continue to see these patients and keep their employees on payroll, we hope you will join us in urging leadership to lift the PPP employee cap for FQHCs in the next COVID-19 legislative package.

If you would like to cosign, please fill out this form. If you have any questions, please contact Ross Brennan in Congressman Cicilline's office at ross.brennan@mail.house.gov or Katie Lee in Congressman Langevin's office at katherine.lee@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

David N. Cicilline
Member of Congress

James R. Langevin
Member of Congress

TEXT OF LETTER

April XX, 2020

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Majority Leader McCarthy:

As you continue to develop the next COVID-19 legislative response package, we urge you to provide critical support for larger Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) by exempting them from the 500 employee eligibility limit included in the Paycheck Protection Program. As you work to replenish funding for this successful program, allowing FQHCs with more than 500 employees to participate will provide much needed relief to these institutions as they serve the most vulnerable populations during the pandemic.

As you know, FQHCs are a critical part of the health safety net, serving the uninsured, the underserved, or those enrolled in Medicaid. Their ability to provide health services to all people, regardless of their ability to pay, is crucial to the success of our ongoing efforts to combat the

COVID-19 epidemic. FQHCs will also serve a larger role and will need additional support as people who have lost their employer-provided insurance will seek out their services.

While many FQHCs have been able to receive relief under the PPP, other larger centers, some with just over 500 employees, are faced with difficult financial situations as their patient populations grows. In order to ensure that they may continue to see patients and keep their employees on payroll, we urge you to lift the PPP employee cap for FQHCs in the next COVID-19 legislative package.

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Members of Congress