Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) are locally-controlled, non-profit organizations that offer a range of quality services, including primary care, behavioral health, dental and vision.

**Value of Health Centers TODAY**

- In California, the Affordable Care Act is working!
- We have the lowest uninsured rate the state has ever seen, down to 7%. In health centers, we saw a decline of 33% in uninsured patients.
- Coverage expansion has meant more people are receiving the health care they need and deserve, more people have jobs, and more money is being spent in the local economy.
- In 2015, California health centers annually contributed
  - Over $8 billion in total economic impact
  - And over 59,000 jobs!
- Amazingly health centers served 20% of the Medicaid population, but constituted only 2.8% of total Medicaid expenditures.
- A 2016 study found that in CA, the annual total cost of care is 22% lower for FQHC Medicaid patients than for Medicaid patients served by other types of providers.
- That comes to a savings of $5.5 billion annually on Medicaid for the state. System wide the savings is even greater, at $7.5 billion!

**Value of Health Centers TOMORROW**

- All of these gains are threatened though if the ACA is repealed, Medicaid expansion is lost and health center funding is not renewed.
- California stands lose 27,000 jobs and nearly $3.8 billion in economic impact.
- It would also mean 1.7 million health center patients are forced to delay care or seek care in more costly settings, like ERs, and the system will experience a greater cost in care- an estimated $3.5 billion!

**Ask**

- If there is a repeal of the ACA, we cannot lose the coverage expansions we have gained. Medicaid expansion needs to be part of any replacement plan.
- We need Congress to act swiftly to avert the 70% funding cliff health centers are facing in September, and put Health Center funding on stable footing.