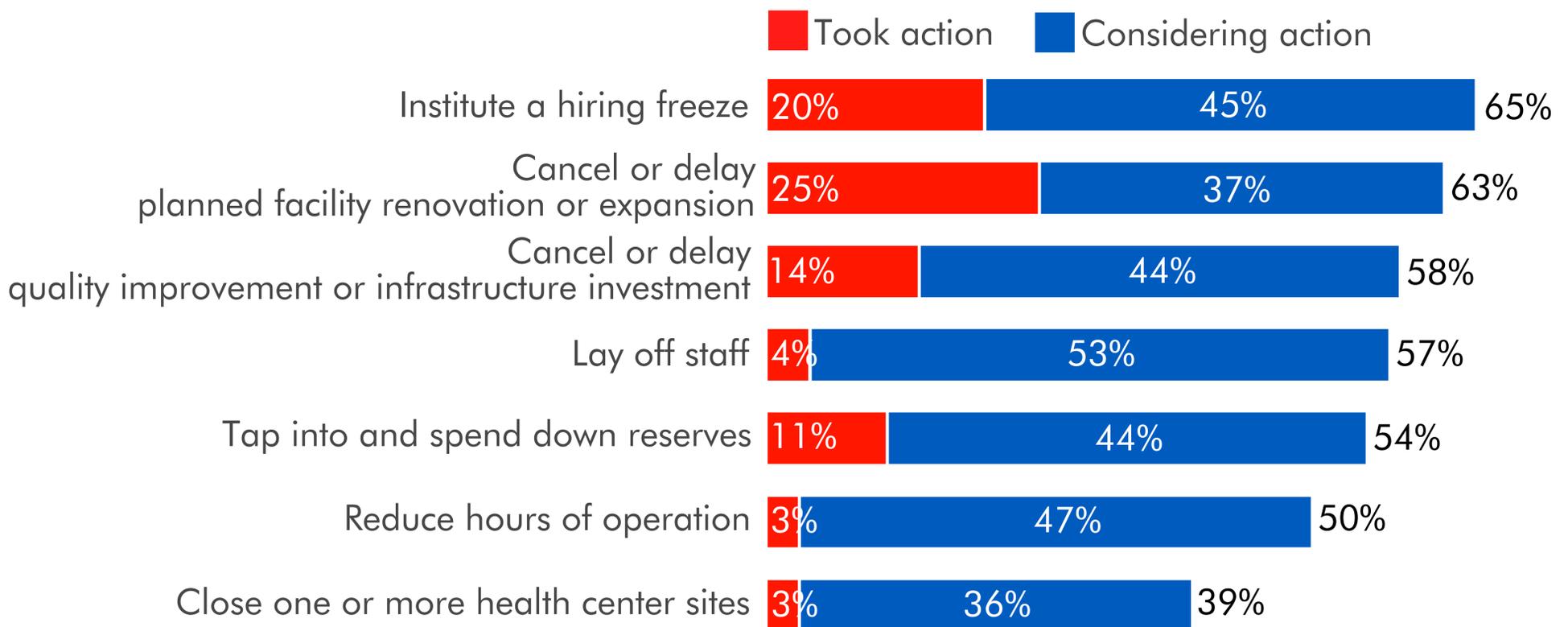


Because Congress did not extend the Community Health Centers Fund (CHCF) by October 1, 2017, every health center faces a 70% cut to their federal grant funding. The uncertainty created by this funding cliff has destabilized the health center network and jeopardized care for the 27 million Americans who rely on them. With each passing day this remains unresolved, health centers are forced to develop and execute contingency plans to reduce staff, cancel expansions, close sites, and scale back critical services. Congress needs to take immediate action to resolve this funding crisis.

Health Centers are Forced to Make Difficult Decisions due to the Cliff:*



Critical Services are at Risk:*



37%
are considering cutting dental services



37%
are considering cutting mental health services



29%
are considering cutting substance use disorder services

Failure to Fix the Health Center Funding Cliff Will Ultimately Cut Access to Care

If the Health Center Funding Cliff is not addressed, the federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) predicts:



9 million
patients will lose access to care



2,800
delivery sites will be closed



51,000+
providers and staff will be laid off

*Kaiser Family Foundation. 2018. How are health centers responding to the funding delay? February 2018 Fact Sheet. Based on preliminary data as of January 30, 2018 from the 2018 Survey of Community Health Centers' Experiences and Activities and the Affordable Care Act conducted by George Washington University.