The Health Centers Funding Cliff

Community Health Centers Operational Funding, FY 2010 – FY 2018

Just over 70% of federal funding for the Health Centers program comes from the Health Centers Fund, which was created in 2010 and extended by Congress on a bipartisan basis in 2015 for two years. These resources have been invested in new health center sites, expansions of capacity at existing health centers, and in additional services, like behavioral health, substance abuse and oral health. Without action by Congress before September 30, 2017, Health Centers will face an immediate 70% cut in funding, resulting in an estimated 9 million patients losing access to care, 50,000 jobs lost, and 2,800 health center sites closing their doors.

NACHC calls on Congress to sustain and stabilize Health Center funding on a long-term basis, with targeted investment in new services and capacity to meet increased demand and reduce uncertainty for patients.