

News Release

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HHS Awards Over \$9.7 Million to New York Health Centers to Increase Access to Primary Care Services

NEW YORK, NY (August 11, 2015) On Tuesday, August 11, Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia M. Burwell announced that HHS has awarded \$169 million in Affordable Care Act funding to 266 new health center sites in 46 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico for the delivery of comprehensive primary health care services in communities that need them most. The awards were timed to coincide with National Health Center Week, an annual weeklong campaign designed to celebrate and raise awareness about the mission and accomplishments of FQHCs across the country.

Seventeen New York State health centers will collectively receive over \$9.7 million of this funding in order to establish new health service delivery access points, expanding capacity for an additional 65,309 patients. Awardees include:

Apicha Community Health Center (New York City) - \$541,667
Bronx Community Health Network (Bronx) - \$975,000
Callen-Lorde Community Health Center (New York City) - \$541,667
Community Health Center of Buffalo (Buffalo) - \$358,333
Ezra Medical Center (Brooklyn) - \$566,667
HELP/PSI Services Corp. (Bronx) - \$1,137,500
Hometown Health Centers (Schenectady) - \$321,823
Hudson River HealthCare (Peekskill) - \$400,000
ICL Healthcare Choices (Brooklyn) - \$566,667
La Casa de Salud (Bronx) - \$325,000
Morris Heights Health Center (Bronx) - \$541,667
NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation (New York City) - \$541,667
NYU Lutheran Family Health Centers (Brooklyn) \$920,833
Oak Orchard Community Health Center (Brockport) - \$858,333
Project Renewal (New York City) - \$192,933
Refuah Health Center (New Square) - \$410,417
Tremont Commonwealth Council (Bronx) - \$541,667

“This funding represents an unprecedented investment by the federal government in FQHCs,” said Larry McReynolds, Chair of the CHCANY Board of Directors and President of NYU Lutheran Family Health Centers. “Health centers are being relied upon more than ever before, as both federal and state reform efforts emphasize the critical role of primary care in achieving improved delivery system outcomes. Increasing the capacity of FQHCs to meet these demands is essential, and these awards will help to achieve that.”

CHCANY congratulates the awardees. To read the HHS press release, [click here](#).

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About Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)

Federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) are not-for-profit, community-based providers that provide high quality, cost-effective, patient-centered primary and preventive health services to anyone seeking care, regardless of their insurance status or ability to pay. FQHCs are medical homes, offering a comprehensive model of care that is associated with demonstrated improved outcomes and reduced costs. Serving 1.7 million New Yorkers statewide, New York State's 63 FQHCs form an extensive primary care network of over 600 sites, 370 of which are in New York City, that is central to the health care safety net.

About the Community Health Care Association of New York State (CHCANYS)

CHCANYS' mission is to ensure that all New Yorkers, including those who live in medically underserved communities, have continuous access to high quality community-based health care services, including a primary care home. CHCANYS serves as the voice of community health centers as leading providers of primary health care in New York State. For more information, visit www.chcanys.org.