

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Community Health Center Fund

December 13, 2017

Funding for the Community Health Center Fund (CHCF) expired on October 1st, and the Senate is currently considering legislation that would restore this funding. Many Tribal 638 and Urban Indian Health Programs rely upon the CHCF to provide health care to American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities. Without action by Congress, health programs within the IHS, Tribal 638, Urban Indian Health Program (I/T/U) system of care which also function as Community Health Centers could soon face a 70% cut in CHC grant funds, creating unprecedented challenges to providing quality and culturally respectful health care to our AI/AN community.

The National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) is coordinating a National Call-in Day to urge members of Congress to restore funding to the Community Health Center Fund and to approve a long-term funding fix. NACHC's goal is for 2,500 calls to be placed from Community Health Centers to members of Congress tomorrow, Thursday December 14th.

If you elect to assist in NACHC's National Call-In Day to restore CHCF funding and approve a long-term funding fix for CHC's, you can follow these steps:

- Contact your elected representatives tomorrow and urging Congress to restore funding for the Community Health Center Fund
- Urge your elected representatives to approve a long-term funding fix to allow Community Health Centers to continue receiving uninterrupted CHCF grant funding

You can find your Senators' contact information [here](#), and your House Representative's [here](#).



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