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#### President Obama Announces Recovery Act Awards to Community Health Centers

President Obama announced nearly \$600 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) awards to support major construction and renovation projects at 85 community health centers nationwide and help networks of health centers adopt Electronic Health Records (EHR) and other Health Information Technology (HIT) systems. The awards are expected to not only create new job opportunities in construction and health care, but also help provide care for more than half a million additional patients in underserved communities.

“Together, these three initiatives – funding for construction, technology and a medical home demonstration project – won’t just save more money, and create more jobs, they’ll give more people the peace of mind of knowing that health care will be there for them and their families when they need it,” said President Obama in a press release issued by the White House. “Ultimately, that’s what health reform is really about.”

To qualify for funding, a health facility must be a Federally Qualified “Community” Health Center. Grants of \$508.5 million will be provided through the Facility Investment Program (FIP) program to address pressing health center facility needs. Also, as much as \$88 million will be available to help Health Center Controlled Networks improve operational effectiveness and clinical quality in health centers by providing management, financial, technology and clinical support services.

President Obama also directed the Department of Health and Human Services to implement a demonstration initiative designed to evaluate the impact of the advanced primary care practice model on access, quality and cost of care provided to Medicare beneficiaries served by Community Health Centers. This model, known as the “medical home,” promotes accessible, continuous, and coordinated family-centered care. Developed and administered by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the demonstration will last three years. CMS anticipates that up to 500 health centers will participate.

FIP grants are listed below. They were awarded through a competitive process:

Health Services Inc., Montgomery, AL, 11,231,000

Seldovia Village Tribe, Seldovia, Alaska \$2,258,091

Alaska Island Community Services, Wrangell, Alaska \$3,736,490

North Country Healthcare Inc., Flagstaff, Ariz. \$7,433,776

Canyonlands Community Health Care, Page Ariz. \$1,840,695

Clinica Sierra Vista, Bakersfield, Calif \$4,008,251

Solano County Health & Social Services Dept., Fairfield, Calif. \$2,194,196

South Central Family Health Center, Los Angeles, Calif.,\$953,743

Contra Costa County Health Services Dept., Martinez, Calif. \$12,000,000

Golden Valley Health Center, Merced, Calif., \$9,573,010

Petaluma Health Center Inc.,Petaluma, Calif.,\$8,906,986

Clinica De Salud Del Valle De Salinas, Salinas, Calif. \$2,327,857

Santa Clara Valley Health And Hospital System,San Jose, Calif. \$2,643,343

San Mateo County Health Services Agency, San Mateo, Calif. \$1,765,876

Centro De Salud De La Comunidad San Ysidro, San Ysidro, Calif. \$9,754,515

Vista Community Clinic, Vista, Calif. \$11,473,212

Charter Oak Health Center Inc., Hartford, Conn.,\$10,000,000

Community Health Services Inc., Hartford, Conn.,\$6,160,675

Unity Health Care Inc., Washington, D.C., \$12,000,000

Suncoast Community Health Centers Inc., Riverview, Fla., \$3,767,091

Project Health Inc., Sumterville, Fla. \$5,222,774

Tampa Family Health Centers Inc. Tampa, Fla. \$2,903,145

Palmetto Health Council Inc., Atlanta, Ga. \$6,317,838

Southwest Georgia Health Care Inc., Richland Ga. \$1,208,700

Kokua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services, Honolulu, Hawaii \$1,500,000

Lawndale Christian Health Center, Chicago, Ill., \$10,000,000

Greater Elgin Family Care Center, Elgin, Ill., \$2,452,172

PCC Community Wellness Center, Oak Park, Ill. \$4,053,042

Crusaders Central Clinic Association, Rockford, Ill. \$5,342,337

Healthnet Inc., Indianapolis, Ind., \$10,426,357,

Primary Health Care Inc.,Des Moines, Iowa, \$2,615,429

Bucksport Regional Health Center, Bucksport, Maine, \$2,459,420

Sacopee Valley Health Center, Parsonsfield, Maine \$802,951

Choptank Community Health System Inc., Denton Md. \$1,085,542

Dorchester House Multi-Service Center, Dorchester, Mass., \$7,024,029

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, East Boston, Mass., \$12,000,000

Healthfirst Family Care Center Inc., Fall River,Mass. \$12,000,000

Community Health Connections Inc., Fitchburg, Mass. \$10,732,754

Lowell Community Health Center, Lowell, Mass. \$9,351,067

Mattapan Community Health Center, Mattapan, Mass, \$11,550,000

Greater New Bedford Community Health Center, New Bedford, Mass., \$5,331,145

Whittier Street Health Committee Inc., Roxbury, Mass., \$12,000,000

Baldwin Family Health Care Inc., Baldwin, Mich.,\$3,000,000

Intercare Community Health Network, Bangor, Mich., \$8,500,000

Cedar Riverside Peoples Center, Minneapolis, Minn., \$2,113,595

Central Mississippi Civic Improvement, Jackson, Miss., \$3,881,043

Nevada Rural Health Centers Inc., Carson City, Nev. \$11,253,351

Avis Goodwin Community Health Center, Dover N.H. \$4,957,300

Ammonoosuc Community Health Services Inc., Littleton, N.H. \$2,641,157

Lamprey Health Care, Newmarket,N.H., \$2,150,250

Zufall Health Center Inc., Dover, N.J., \$3,920,442

Ocean Health Initiatives Inc., Lakewood, N.J., \$4,753,399

Newark City Health and Human Services, Newark, N.J., \$4,996,563

Newark Community Health Centers Inc., Newark, N.J., \$6,453,000

La Familia Medical Center, Santa Fe,N.M. \$1,216,338

Montefiore Medical Center, Bronx, N.Y.,\$795,000

Urban Health Plan Inc.,Bronx, N.Y.,\$12,000,000

Family Health Network of Central New York Inc., Cortland, N.Y.,\$1,400,387

Community Healthcare Network, New York, N.Y.,\$1,365,788

Family Healthcare Center,Fargo, N.D., \$6,666,583

Capital Park Family Health Center, Columbus, Ohio, \$4,417,688

Muskingum Valley Health Centers Inc., McConnelsville, Ohio, \$5,997,980

Butler County Community Health Consortium Inc., Middletown, Ohio,\$4,669,197

Healthsource of Ohio Inc., Milford, Ohio, \$9,764,690

Great Salt Plains Health Center Inc., Cherokee, Okla., \$2,828,647

Oklahoma Community Health Services Inc., Oklahoma City, Okla., \$11,985,000

Central City Concern,Portland, Ore.,\$8,950,000

Cornerstone Care, Burgettstown, Pa., \$2,574,643

Keystone Rural Health Center, Chambersburg, Pa.,\$11,515,000

Southeast Lancaster Health Services, Lancaster,Pa., 3,250,000

Esperanza Health Center, Philadelphia, Pa., \$6,552,799

Greater Philadelphia Health Action Inc., Philadelphia, Pa., \$3,937,796

Squirrel Hill Health Center, Pittsburgh, Pa., \$792,700, Salud Integral En La Montana Inc., Naranjito, P.R., \$8,752,140

Rincon Rural Health Initiative Project Inc., Rincon, P.R., \$5,915,227

Little River Medical Center Inc., Little River, S.C., \$5,523,205

Beaufort-Jasper Comprehensive Health Services Inc., Ridgeland, S.C., \$7,912,493

Brownsville Community Health Center, Brownsville, Texas, \$7,500,000

Project Vida Health Center, El Paso, Texas, \$6,000,422

Su Clinica Familiar, Harlingen, Texas, \$7,500,000

El Centro Del Barrio Inc., San Antonio, Texas, \$11,051,134

Heart of Texas Community Health Center Inc., Waco, Texas, \$5,296,239

Blue Ridge Medical Center Inc., Arrington, Va., \$5,000,000

Community Health Center of Burlington Inc., Burlington, Vt. \$10,964,476

La Clinica/South Columbia Rural Health, Pasco, Wash., \$7,425,870