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**Wyoming Health Centers in Desperate Need of Reinstated Federal Funding**  
*The Community Health Center Program went over a funding cliff on September 30, 2017*



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The Wyoming Primary Care Association, representing all 8 Wyoming health centers in 13 sites, urges our Congressional delegation to continue supporting health centers by extending funding to them. Historically, Wyoming's elected officials in Washington, DC have expressed support for federal qualified health centers that important to the care delivery system in our state.

The staff, patients and board members of Wyoming health centers are joining the call to urge lawmakers on Capitol Hill to extend funding for Community Health Centers and preserve affordable health care in the community. The appeal to extend funding comes after months of living under a "funding cliff." Critical funding for health centers and other programs expired on October 1st 2017.

"This is not how a health system should run – particularly given that the Health Center program has served the nation so well in terms of saving lives and dollars," said Association Executive Director Jan Cartwright. "We urge our leaders in Congress to act now and fix the funding cliff so that we can continue to provide affordable health care to people in need."

The call to fix the funding cliff comes as patients, doctors and staff at health centers face a ticking clock, with a substantial portion of federal funding only to last until next month. Health centers, which currently serve 27 million patients, are already enacting hiring freezes, cutting back key programs and services for patients, and facing site closures. Not only will the funding cliff trigger job losses in the local economy, on a national scale it means the closure of 2,800 health center sites, loss of health care access for 9 million patients, and more than 50,000 job losses.

Health center advocates are organizing a Day of Demonstration to call attention to the funding cliff on Tuesday, February 6th. They are also visiting Capitol Hill to meet with lawmakers and urge them to pass legislation that will extend funding in the next Continuing Resolution.

For more information on Wyoming's Community Health Centers please visit [wypca.org](http://wypca.org).

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