



BOARD RESOLUTION

Whereas:

1. The St. Louis Integrated Health Network, as one of America's Health Center Controlled Networks, is a vital part of our nation's safety net providing health care to 23 million people in medically underserved communities;
2. Health centers have proven their ability to improve health, reduce illness, and reduce health costs;
3. The survival of our community health center system is critically important to the health and well-being of our community;
4. The communities served by health centers have higher proportions of both uninsured persons and individuals covered by Medicaid;
5. Adequate Medicaid payment is essential to health centers' solvency, especially since by law and by mission, health centers cannot limit the number of Medicaid or uninsured patients they serve.
6. **Health Centers save Medicaid \$6 billion every year and Health centers treat 14% of all Medicaid patients with only 1% of total Medicaid spending.**
7. The current federal fiscal situation threatens not only funding for Medicaid, but also funding for important domestic programs like Health Centers;

Be it resolved that the Integrated Health Network and its member Health Centers and Hospital partners:

1. Expresses its full and complete commitment to:
 - a. Take immediate action to educate and inform our staff, board, and patients as to the threats which may endanger our health centers.
 - b. Educate public policymakers on the importance of our health centers, the importance of Medicaid to our patients and centers, and the ability of our centers to assist the nation in expanding access, preventing illness, and reducing health care expenditures.
 - c. Fully participate in the Campaign for America's Health Centers to demonstrate to the federal and state governments that health centers are an essential part of America's commitment to health care and an essential part of the strategy to deliver cost effective, efficient AND high quality care.
 - d. Stay in touch with NACHC and the Missouri Primary Care Association (MPCA) to share information on current developments and key action plans.
2. Calls upon NACHC and the MPCA to place the highest priority in preparing for and dealing with policies which adversely threaten health centers and the populations they serve, including educating and mobilizing our health center movement.
3. Pledges our strong support for the efforts provided by NACHC, PCAs, CHC Networks, and Capital Link, and appeals to Congress and the Administration to assure that this support continues.