

Community Health Centers and Health Care Reform

Community health centers have an important role in the current effort to reform the health care delivery system in the United States. Community health centers have already received investments through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and may receive further investment through Congressional and Presidential efforts. For more information see the resources from other organizations below.

National Association of Community Health Centers' (NACHC) **Health Reform Hub** offers: a side-by-side comparison of CHC provisions in both House and Senate bills, legislation, fact sheets, and other resources.

www.nachc.org

Health and Resources Services Administration, **Bureau of Primary Health Care and the Bureau of Health Professions** for information on investments in health centers from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA):

<http://bphc.hrsa.gov/recovery/>

<http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/recovery/>

Using Primary Care to Bend the Curve: Estimating the Impact of a Health Center Expansion on Health Care Costs

Leighton Ku et al., *Using Primary Care to Bend the Curve: Estimating the Impact of a Health Center Expansion on Health Care Costs*, (Washington, DC: The George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services, September 2009)

This issue brief estimates the cost savings that would be realized by making important investments in non-profit health centers as an element of national health reform.

<http://www.gwumc.edu/>

Community Health Centers in an Era of Health System Reform and Economic Downturn: Prospects and Challenges

Sara Rosenbaum, Brad Finnegan, and Peter Shin. *Community Health Centers in an Era of Health System Reform and Economic Downturn: Prospects and Challenges* (Washington, DC: Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, March 2009)

This issue brief reviews the role of community health centers in the nation's health care safety net. The centers provided comprehensive primary care to 16.1 million patients in 2007, many of them from lower-income families and medically underserved communities. The role of the centers is even more critical during an economic recession when families are more vulnerable to economic loss and unmet health needs.

<http://healthreform.kff.org/>
