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## HHS Intergovernmental and External Affairs Notification

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**From:** Paul Dioguardi  
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**RE:** HHS awards more than \$295 million in Affordable Care Act funds to increase access to primary care at health centers

*Funding creates an estimated 4,750 new jobs; Helps newly insured access care*

Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia M. Burwell announced today \$295 million in Affordable Care Act funding to 1,195 health centers in every U.S. State, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Pacific Basin to expand primary care services.

Today's awards enable health centers to increase access to comprehensive primary health care services by hiring an estimated 4,750 new staff including new health care providers, staying open for longer hours, and expanding the care they provide to include new services such as oral health, behavioral health, pharmacy, and vision services. These investments will help health centers reach an estimated 1.5 million new patients nationwide, including over 137,000 oral health patients and more than 38,000 mental and substance abuse patients.

Health centers are helping to implement the Affordable Care Act, not only as providers of care but also by linking individuals to coverage through outreach and enrollment in the [Health Insurance Marketplace](#). Recent statistics show that health centers provided enrollment assistance to more than 6 million people over the last year

Today, nearly 1,300 health centers operate more than 9,200 service delivery sites that provide care to over 21.7 million patients. Since the start of this Administration, health centers have increased the number of patients served by health centers by more than 4.5 million people.

The list of award winners is available [here](#).

More information about the Affordable Care Act and Community Health Centers is available [here](#).

More about HRSA's Community Health Center Program is available [here](#).

To find a health center in your area, visit <http://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov>.

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