

Resolution to Support Expanded Title X Funding for CHCs

WHEREAS the AAFP believes that “it is the primary care relationship and comprehensiveness that has the most effect on health care outcomes”¹ and “reaffirms its commitment to the medically underserved of this country,”² and

WHEREAS reproductive health care is part of comprehensive primary care and the AAFP “is concerned about the sexual health of adults,”³ and

WHEREAS “the disparity in unintended pregnancy by income grew between 1994 and 2001,” and during that same time the rate of unintended pregnancy among poor women increased 29%,⁴ and

WHEREAS, “the American Academy of Family Physicians recognizes the important contribution of the Community and Migrant Health Center Programs in improving access to health care services in underserved communities,”⁵ and “family physicians are the single largest category of specialists in both rural and urban [community health] centers, accounting for 48.1% of the total physician staff,”⁶ and

WHEREAS 1200 CHCs provide primary care to 18 million Americans; 70% of whom have incomes at or below the poverty line⁷ and 25% of women seeking contraceptive care get it from one of 6000 publicly funded clinics, including community health centers,⁸ and

WHEREAS family physicians in CHCs often cannot provide the full spectrum of reproductive health care without funding from the federal Title X program, which is “the only federal grant program dedicated solely to providing individuals with comprehensive family planning and related preventive health services,”⁹ and

WHEREAS there are over 445 CHCs in New York State,¹⁰ but only 30 receive Title X funding,¹¹ comprising only 11.1% of 270 Title X-funded clinics in New York State, and

WHEREAS Title X funding was 60% lower in FY 2007 than in FY 1980, taking inflation into account,¹² making it difficult for Title X to offer grants to more CHCs, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the NYSAFP advocate for expanded funding for the Title X program, and further be it

RESOLVED that the NYSAFP advocate for expanded Title X funding to be granted to community health centers, and further be it

RESOLVED that the NYSAFP will introduce a resolution to the COD of the AAFP in support of expanding Title X funding and increased Title X grants to CHCs.

¹ AAFP Policy: Health Care for All: A Framework for Moving to a Primary Care-Based Health Care System in the United States <http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/policy/policies/h/healthcare.html>

² AAFP Policy: Medically Underserved <http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/policy/policies/m/medicallyunderserved.html>

³ AAFP Policy: Contraceptive Advice <http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/policy/policies/c/contraceptiveadvice.html>

⁴ Finer LB and Henshaw SK. Disparities in rates of unintended pregnancy in the United States, 1994 and 2001. *Perspect Repro Sex Health*. 2006;38(2): 90-96

⁵ AAFP Policy: Community and Migrant Health Centers <http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/policy/policies/c/communityandmigranthealthcenters.html> (2004)

⁶ Rosenblatt RA et al. Shortages of medical personnel at community health centers: implications for planned expansion. *JAMA* 2006;295:1042-1049

⁷ National Association of Community Health Centers. *About Our Health Centers* <http://www.nachc.org/about-our-health-centers.cfm>

⁸ Frost JJ, Bolzan M. The provision of public-sector services by family planning agencies in 1995. *Fam Plan Perspect* 1997; 29:6-14.

⁹ Title X Family Planning Program <http://www.hhs.gov/opa/familyplanning/index.html>

¹⁰ Community Health Care Association of New York State <http://www.chcanys.org/>

¹¹ US Dept. of HHS, Office of Population Affairs. 2007-8 Directory: Family Planning Grantees, Delegates, and Clinics. <http://www.opaclearinghouse.org/pdf/fpdirectory07.pdf>

¹² National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association. *Family Planning Facts—History of Title X* http://www.nfprha.org/main/family_planning.cfm?Category=History_of_Title_X&Section=Main