

EMERGING THREATS FUNDING EXPANSION

The CHASS Policy Initiatives Team urges you to support the reintroduction and passage of H.R. 1943 with a new "Emerging Threats Funding Expansion" (ETFE) amendment to add \$1 billion annually specifically for emergency preparedness funding, to be signed into law by October 1, 2020.

--- BACKGROUND ---

Problem: Existing funds are insufficient to support the operations and growing demand of community health centers (CHCs), especially in the wake of emerging threats.

Why Care:

- CHCs have insufficient long-term funds, posing a significant risk to millions of vulnerable and under-served patients across the country.
- As the elderly population grows, the demand for primary care for chronic diseases will increase, and the cost of recruiting and training health care providers will also rise.
- According to the National Association of Community Health Centers, CHCs generate **\$54.6 billion** in economic activity annually, save the health care system more than **\$24 billion**, and employ over **236,000 Americans**.
- CHCs are at the forefront of addressing the public health crises, and need to establish a complete system and adequate measures in advance to meet the needs of emergencies.

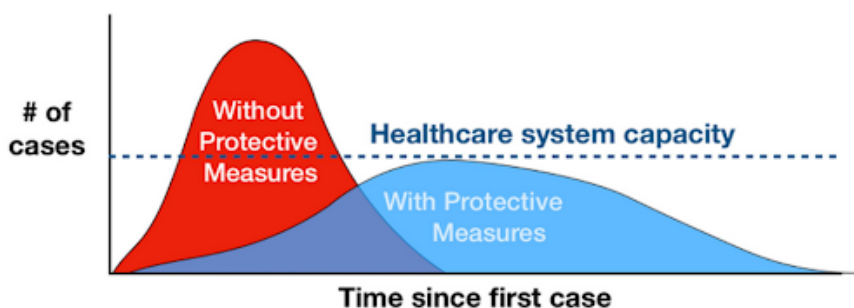


--- THE SOLUTION ---

What: Reintroduce and support H.R. 1943 with a new "Emerging Threats Funding Expansion" (ETFE) amendment to secure \$1 billion annually specifically for emergency preparedness to the Community Health Center Fund (CHCF).

Why: We must prepare CHCs against the next emerging threat in order to prevent the unnecessary loss of human life and provide a safe place for community members.

Impacts With and Without Intervention



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Adequate funding is a vital protective measure that will best equip CHCs against the next emerging public health threat!