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CHAPCARE SELECTED AS ONE OF ONLY 25 CALIFORNIA HEALTH CENTERS TO RECEIVE ACA FUNDS TO EXPAND ACCESS

PASADENA, CA. (June 21, 2012) – Herb K. Schultz, Director of HHS Region IX, appointed by President Barack Obama, announced new funding under the health reform law, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, in order to expand access to community health centers throughout Los Angeles County. *ChapCare is one of only 25 California health centers that will receive funding through these grants.*

“In the two years since the enactment of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, countless members of our communities in the San Gabriel Valley have benefitted from its provisions,” said Congresswoman Judy Chu (32nd District – El Monte). “The ACA New Access Point Grant award to ChapCare will only build on that success, providing services to low-income and uninsured patients. I look forward to more positive impacts as we increase access and affordability for all.”

Margaret Martinez, the CEO of ChapCare, adds that, “Stronger community health centers means healthy people and strong communities. This grant will help meet the critical need in areas where it is the greatest.”

ChapCare will receive \$1.3 million over two years allowing it to open a center in the greater El Monte region of the San Gabriel Valley and provide for 20,000 face-to-face visits with medical professionals over the next two years, plus it is estimated that 25 new jobs will be created in the San Gabriel Valley region as a result.

The need in the San Gabriel Valley is exemplified by ChapCare’s number of unduplicated patients that has more than doubled (from 6,138 to 14,214) since 2008. Although ChapCare has seen an 88% increase in Healthy Way LA visits, it still expects to service more than 20,000 uninsured by the end of 2012, of which 80% are below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

To meet that challenge, ChapCare, formerly known as Community Health Alliance of Pasadena, has expanded over the past two years from one health center to three, and serves the communities in-and-around Arcadia, Altadena, Duarte, Monrovia, Pasadena, South Pasadena and Sierra Madre. ChapCare’s new center will be the fourth facility and will serve the greater El Monte region.

About ChapCare

The mission of ChapCare is to provide high quality, accessible and culturally sensitive health care, and related services, in an environment of care and mutual respect. ChapCare's mission is made possible, in part, through grants, contracts, and patient service fees. The rest of the budget comes from generous individual donors and foundations, allowing ChapCare to remain at the forefront of emerging healthcare technology. ChapCare is proud to report that 87 cents of every dollar received goes directly toward patient care.

ChapCare is a 501(c)(3) non-profit Federally Qualified Health Center caring for underserved populations, regardless of their ability to pay. ChapCare patients self-identify as 60% Latino, 16% African American and 16% white. ChapCare also offers a wide range of primary care medical and dental services to children and adults at every stage of their lives.

Los Angeles Community Clinics and Health Centers as Part of the Affordable Care Act

"The health care law is making our community health centers stronger and ensuring more Americans get the care they need," said Health & Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius.

L.A.'s community clinics and health centers are committed to ensuring the success of the Affordable Care Act, in order to provide high-quality, cost-effective healthcare to all. This means radically transforming our frayed healthcare delivery system. "These dollars provide critical support at a crucial time," said Louise McCarthy, President and CEO of the Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County (www.ccalac.org).

Clinics throughout Los Angeles County currently serve nearly 1 million patients every year, providing much-needed access to preventative and primary care services to underserved populations. In this way, clinics greatly reduce the burden of costs associated with the lack of primary and preventative care, which contributes to increasing health care costs.

"Health centers serve more than 20 million patients nationwide and are an integral part of our health care system," said Mary K. Wakefield, Ph.D., R.N., administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). "These awards demonstrate our commitment to increasing access to quality health care through the creation of new health center sites."

The Affordable Care Act is a major investment in expanding community health centers' ability to serve patients. For more than 40 years, community health centers have delivered compassionate, comprehensive, high-quality, preventive and primary care to patients where they live.

Los Angeles County "Access Point" Grant Awardees:

1. ChapCare
(Community Health Alliance of Pasadena)
2. AltaMed Health Services Corporation
3. East Valley Community Health Center
4. Eisner Pediatric & Family Medical Center
5. JWCH Institute, Inc.
6. Los Angeles Christian Health Centers
7. Los Angeles Free Clinic
8. Mission City Community Network, Inc.
9. Samuel Dixon Family Health Centers, Inc.
10. T.H.E Clinic, Inc.
11. Venice Family Clinic
12. Wilmington Community Clinic

Health Center New Access Point grants, listed by organization and state, are available at www.hrsa.gov/about/news/2012tables/120620nap.html