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CHAPCARE SELECTED AS ONE OF ONLY 32 U.S. HEALTH CENTERS TO RECEIVE ACA FUNDS TO EXPAND ACCESS

PASADENA, CA. (September 13, 2013) – Kathleen Sebelius, Health & Human Services Secretary, announced \$19 million in new funding under the health reform law, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), in order to expand access to community health centers. ChapCare is one of only 32 U.S. health centers that will receive funding through these grants.

“Since the enactment of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) three years ago, countless individuals in San Gabriel Valley communities have benefitted,” said Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano (32nd District – El Monte). “The ACA New Access Point Grant award to ChapCare will only build on that success, providing critical services to low-income and uninsured patients in my district. I look forward to more positive impacts as we increase access and affordability for all.”

Margaret B. Martinez, the CEO of ChapCare, adds that, “Locating community health centers in underserved areas supports healthy people and strong communities. The City of El Monte is one of the most impacted cities in Los Angeles County with over 50,000 low-income individuals who are currently not accessing primary health care services.”

ChapCare will receive \$1.3 million over 2 years allowing it to open a health center in the City of El Monte located in 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 area as a result.

Louise McCarthy, the CEO of the Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County (CCALAC), said, “ChapCare has been a high performing community health center for some time. This New Access Point Grant award will play an important role in enhancing the capacity of the safety-net in Los Angeles County at a critical time, when more people than ever will be able to access health insurance as a result of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). As one of only 32 NAP’s awarded nationwide, this award speaks to the incredible need that remains in providing care for the underserved in LA County.”

Health center New Access Point grants, listed by organization and state, are available at www.hrsa.gov/about/news/2013tables/newaccesspoints/.

About ChapCare

Community Health Alliance of Pasadena (ChapCare) was founded in 1995 by a group of community residents, city officials, and health care agencies to establish primary care health services for the low-income, uninsured residents in the Pasadena area. ChapCare began providing medical services in 1998 and dental services in 2001. Today, ChapCare is a network of HRSA-funded community health centers that provides health care services to countless under-insured and uninsured residents of the San Gabriel Valley. The organization operates 3 health centers in Pasadena, a health center in South El Monte, and a mobile van in the El Monte region. ChapCare provides over 55,000 primary healthcare visits annually to over 14,000 patients.