

## **COVID-19 Political Response: Fund CCBHCs and CHCs Together**

Emergency Department beds must be available to meet the immediate and growing needs of patients with COVID-19 coronavirus. Unfortunately, many of their resources are currently diverted to people with behavioral health and primary care issues that could be treated in the community.

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics provide 24/7 care available in the community to treat behavioral health conditions – reducing emergency department visits by 61%. Congress can act now to help increase the capacity of our hospitals to treat those with Coronavirus by funding the extension and expansion of CCBHCs to treat mental illness and substance use and extending Community Health Centers to treat the non-COVID-19 related primary care needs in our community.

Reach out to your legislators today to urge them to support CCBHCs and CHC alike in this time of uncertainty. Advocates can act by calling their legislators here: +1.202.224.3121.