Senate Procedural Vote to Move Critical Funding Legislation Fails and a Government Shutdown Looms

After nearly two weeks of negotiations, the Senate voted today on a procedural measure to advance a short term continuing resolution (CR) drafted by Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) to extend federal funding that is set to expire on September 30th at current levels until December 9th. The package also included a $1.1 billion Zika package, $37 million in annual funds for implementing the opioid legislation Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act, and $500 million in emergency disaster relief primarily for Louisiana. The motion to end debate on the CR legislation failed by a vote of 33-41 with Democrats largely voting no due to their concerns the legislation does not contain enough funding to implement the opioid legislation and that money to address the crisis in Flint, MI was excluded from the package. In addition, Democrats are also opposing a campaign finance rider that is attached to the bill.

Reports today indicate Democrats are unwilling to allow a CR to advance with disaster aid funding for Louisiana without funding for Flint, MI. There is talk the Louisiana funding could be dropped entirely meaning no disaster aid funding would be included in the bill leaving both the Louisiana and Flint disaster funding issues unresolved. At this point, after the failed vote today, negotiations are continuing on how to resolve the differences between Democrats and Republicans in the Senate on the CR.

Meanwhile, in anticipation of receiving legislation from the Senate with very little time before the Friday deadline, the House last night passed a procedural measure allowing same-day consideration of legislation. Typically, same-day consideration requires the support of two-thirds of the House, but passing the same-day consideration allows the House to advance legislation quickly without the typical debate hurdles. It is possible the House could work to put together their own version of a CR as a fallback measure to avert a government shutdown in the event the Senate is unable to break the stalemate.

Congress has until Friday at midnight to resolve their differences and pass a funding extension in order to avoid a government shutdown. Without much time remaining the pressure is on to find a path forward. We will post new developments as they become available at Health Centers on the Hill.

September 2016 Outstanding Advocate: Kelley Pate

The Advocacy team is excited to announce our Outstanding Advocate for September 2016, Kelley Pate from Valley View Health Centers in Ohio. Kelley is a participant in this year's Advocacy Leadership Program, and raise the profile of Valley View's National Health Center Week events this
year, among other awesome work. Read more about Kelley on the [CFAHC blog](https://www.cfahc.org).

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**Advocacy Office Hours: October 4th at 3:00PM ET**

Do you have questions about advocacy activities in an election year, voter registration, campaigns or how advocacy is different as an election nears? Join us next Tuesday, October 4th at 3:00PM ET for office hours with the Advocacy team. Our staff will be available to answer your questions and help you navigate the legal implications of advocacy in an election year. To call in, dial 877-229-8493 and enter participant code 15035. Questions? Email [grassroots@nachc.com](mailto:grassroots@nachc.com).

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**Roughly One-Quarter of All Americans Now Enrolled in Medicaid**

Since 2013, the number of Medicaid enrollees has grown from 58 million to 75 million, and the program now provides coverage to roughly one-quarter of all Americans - the most significant effect of Obamacare, according to a report released last week. The growth in Medicaid slowed to just 3 percent this year, with 2.3 million new enrollees, as few new states joined the expansion. New Mexico has the highest percentage of residents enrolled in Medicaid at 36.3 percent. Utah is at the other end of the spectrum, with just 9.2 percent. Since 2013, the number of Americans enrolled in private Medicaid plans has increased dramatically, with 73 percent of Medicaid beneficiaries receiving coverage through a managed care plan. 42 states now have some form of managed care, with North Carolina and Alabama set to join the ranks.

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**Hepatitis Webinar this Thursday**

The National Health IT Collaborative for the Underserved (NHIT Collaborative), in collaboration with OMHRC and Georgetown University is convening a Hepatitis Webinar on September 29, 2016. This event will offer an opportunity to share pertinent information about hepatitis, and engage consumers and other interested parties. In addition, the event will help garner support and awareness from key stakeholders in underserved communities. Learn more [here](https://www.nchit.org).

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**Llámada nacional reconociendo el mes de herencia hispana el 11 de octubre**

Únase a nosotros el 11 de octubre a las 3 de la tarde, hora del este, para una llamada nacional en reconocimiento del mes de herencia hispana. La llamada celebrará las innumerables contribuciones de individuos hispanos al movimiento de los centros de salud además del trabajo que han hecho los centros de salud para aumentar el acceso a cuidado de salud y reducir las disparidades de salud entre varias comunidades hispanas. Puede unirse a la llamada el 11 de octubre por llamar a 1-877-229-8493 y usar el código 15035 o **entrar su número de teléfono en el formulario aquí** para recibir la llamada directamente.

Join us on October 11 at 3PM ET for a national TeleForum to be conducted entirely in Spanish in recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month. The call will celebrate the countless contributions of Hispanic individuals to the health center movement as well as the work that health centers have done to increase access to care and reduce health disparities among various Hispanic communities. You can join the call on the 11th by dialing 1-877-229-8493 and entering the PIN 15035 or entering your phone
number [here](http://example.com) to receive the call directly.

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**Seminario del internet el 26 de octubre sobre estableciendo y manteniendo relaciones con funcionarios electos**

Uno de los papeles más importantes de un defensor es establecer buenas relaciones con funcionarios electos de todos los niveles del gobierno. Usted es una voz confiada por los funcionarios electos - les puede ayudar a entender el impacto de sus decisiones en su comunidad, enseñarles sobre su centro de salud y comunicar las necesidades verdaderas de su comunidad. Únase a nosotros el 26 de octubre a las 3 de la tarde, tiempo del este para un seminario de internet completamente en español que va a cubrir algunos de los pasos que usted puede tener para ser una voz para su centro de salud y su comunidad. Haga clic [aquí](http://example.com) para registrarse.

One of the most important roles of an advocate is to establish good relationships with elected officials at all levels of the government. You are a trusted voice to elected officials - you can help them understand the impact of their decisions on your community, teach them about your health center, and communicate the true needs of your community. Join us on October 26 at 3PM ET for a webinar to be conducted entirely in Spanish that will cover some of the steps you can take to become a voice for your health center and your community. Click [here](http://example.com) to register.

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**Today, September 27th, is National Voter Registration Day!**

Be sure to register to vote and encourage others to do so as part of National Voter Registration Day. To access resources and helpful information on how to register, visit the [Nonprofit Vote website](http://example.com) or the [National Voter Registration Day website](http://example.com).

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**Media Spotlight**

Neighbors influence health, for better and for worse. [Learn more](http://example.com).

Satellite technology beams expertise to remote Alaska clinic. Read more [here](http://example.com).

[Collaboration](http://example.com) to help end food insecurity featuring Charles River Community Health via Health Affairs.

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**Tweet of the Week**

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**What We Are Reading**
Our weekly feature where we share the stories, studies and reports that are making the rounds in Washington health policy circles. Have a suggestion? Email us at federalaffairs@nachc.org.

- **Why the U.S. Needs Medicaid** by Rachel Nuzum, Sara R. Collins, Melinda Abrams, Pamela Riley, Jordan Kiszla and Jamie Ryan at The Commonwealth Fund
- **Rapid Adoption of Bundled Payments Remains an Act of Faith** by Elizabeth Whitman at Modern Healthcare
- **This Week: Shutdown Deadline Looms Over Congress** by Cristina Marcos and Jordain Carney at The Hill

**National Health Center Week Picture & Video Submissions**

Check out this great photo submitted for the contest by Brad Jones of Curtis V. Cooper Health Primary Health Care in Savannah, GA.

To view all the photos, click the album below.
Check out this great video submitted by Cherry Health in Grand Rapids, MI

NHCW 2016: Breaking the Stigma of Mental Health

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