

Health Policy Committee

Federal Policy Update and Report

September 15, 2026



Hill Update

Congress passed a CR to fund the government through December 11. Members in the House and Senate will not be in DC much between now and the midterms. NACHC and **Advocates for Community Health** (ACH) are working closely with Hill staff to get bills introduced. NACHC is working on a bill to update and simplify FQHCs' Medicare PPS payments, and to reintroduce the PROTECT 340B Act - which requires a neutral claims clearinghouse and prohibits PBMs from keeping 340B savings. ACH is working to get a bill introduced to delay implementation of the 340B rebate model by two years.

340B Quick Hits

- The 340B program is scheduled to be transferred from HRSA to CMS this month.
- Drug maker Novo-Nordisk has announced that it will drop the sticker prices for its popular GLP-1 drugs Ozempic, Wegovy, and Rybelsus, effective January 1, 2027.
- Starting Tuesday, Sept 15th Johnson & Johnson (J&J) will require CHCs to submit claims data on all their drugs, including those dispensed by both contract pharmacies and in-house pharmacies, plus clinic-administered drugs. Starting Nov. 3, J&J will limit all CHCs to one contract pharmacy location effective November 3, 2026.

Public Charge

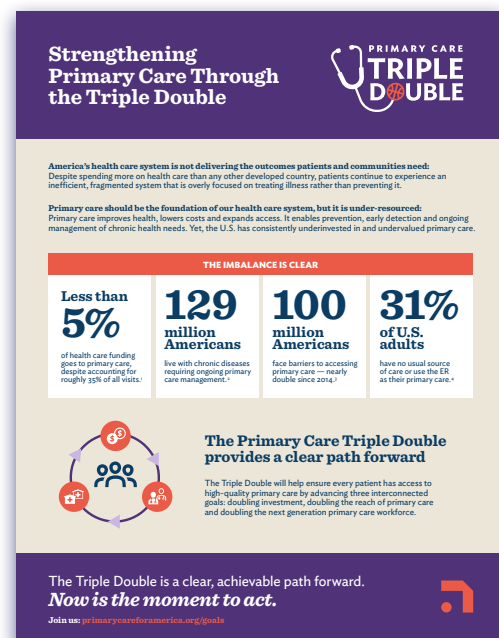
During the August IPHCA Health Policy Committee meeting, members requested resources regarding changes to Public Charge. **Protecting Immigrant Families Coalition** has published a **Public Charge Regulation Toolkit**. With recent reports of **ICE activity occurring on a CHC's property**, this resource can assist CHCs in preparing for possible ICE action on their property. Additionally the **National Immigration Law Center** published a **resource helping advocates identity who is subject to Public Charge**.

Advocacy Opportunity

In anticipation of the major advocacy push that will be needed during Congress' Lane Duck session, the Tennessee PCA hosted a **free virtual webinar on Health Center Advocacy** on Tuesday September 15. Participants learned the fundamentals of health center advocacy, including how to identify and contact elected officials, build relationships with legislators and their staff, and effectively communicate the value of community health centers.

NACHC Triple Double

During their Policy Pulse Call this week NACHC announced their **Triple Double Campaign** which seeks to double the investment of federal dollars into primary care in three ways: primary care, health centers, and the next generation of primary care workforce. CHC advocates will take this message to Capitol Hill next week during NACHC's September Fly-in.



Strengthening Primary Care Through the Triple Double

PRIMARY CARE TRIPLE DOUBLE

America's health care system is not delivering the outcomes patients and communities need. Despite spending more on health care than any other developed country, patients continue to experience an inefficient, fragmented system that is overly focused on treating illness rather than preventing it.

Primary care should be the foundation of our health care system, but it is under-resourced. Primary care improves health, lowers costs and expands access. It enables prevention, early detection and ongoing management of chronic health needs. Yet, the U.S. has consistently underinvested in and undervalued primary care.

THE IMBALANCE IS CLEAR			
Less than 5% of health care funding goes to primary care, despite accounting for roughly 35% of all visits. ¹	129 million Americans live with chronic diseases requiring ongoing primary care management. ²	100 million Americans face barriers to accessing primary care — nearly double since 2014. ³	31% of U.S. adults have no usual source of care or use the ER as their primary care. ⁴

The Primary Care Triple Double provides a clear path forward

The Triple Double will help ensure every patient has access to high-quality primary care by advancing three interconnected goals: doubling investment, doubling the reach of primary care and doubling the next generation primary care workforce.

The Triple Double is a clear, achievable path forward.
Now is the moment to act.

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