

# Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center Funding Cliff Impact Estimator

## What is the Health Center Funding Cliff?

Just over 70% of federal funding for the Health Centers program comes from the Health Centers Fund. In 2015, Congress extended this fund on a bipartisan basis for two years. **Without action before October 1, 2017, the fund is set to expire, meaning health centers will face an immediate 70% cut in funding**

## Estimating the impact of the Cliff on Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center

**Today**

Total Federal 330 Funding:  
**\$7,636,361**

Total Overall Revenue:  
**\$55,005,403**

Number of Patients Served:  
**44,074**

### If the Cliff Were to Occur

Amount of Federal 330 Funding Lost:

**\$5,398,144**

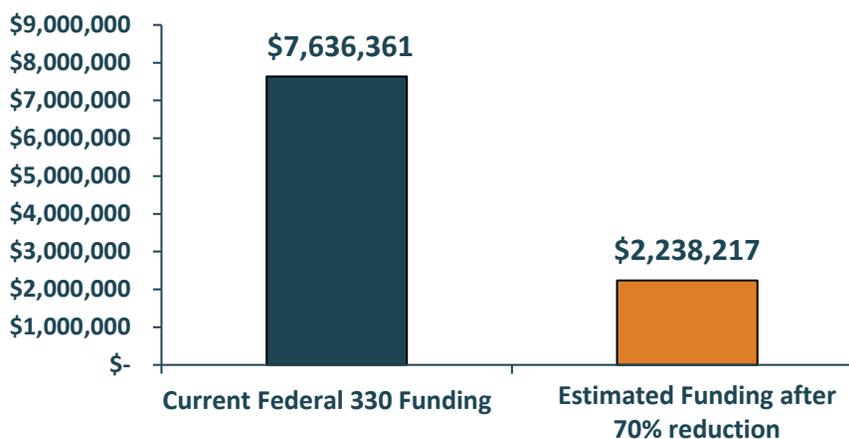
Number of Patients Losing Access to Care:

**4,325**

## Why the Cliff Matters

According to the federal government's own estimates, this potential 70% reduction in funding would result in the closure of **2,800 health center sites**, layoffs of more than **50,000 providers and staff**, and most importantly, a loss of access to primary and preventive care for **9 million patients** who often have no other place to turn.

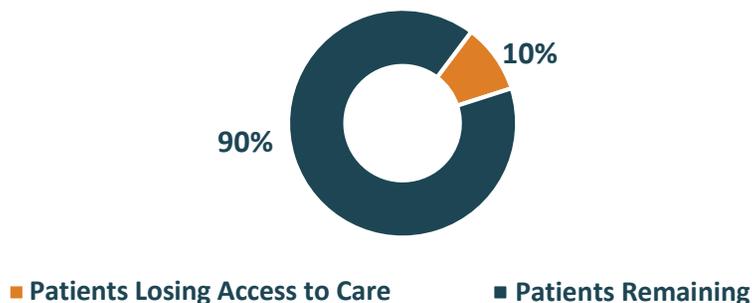
## The Funding Cliff Would Lead to Major Losses for Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center



## What Would Be the Impact of the Cliff on My Health Center?

To see the estimated impact on your individual health center, fill in the blanks with blue headings to the right with your health center specific data on number of patients served, federal 330 grant revenue received, and overall revenue. This Health Center Funding Cliff Impact Estimator will estimate the amount of funding that your health center would lose and how many patients could lose access to care at your health centers as a result.

## Percent of VGMHC Patients Losing Access to Care after 70% reduction



For more information on the Primary Care Funding Cliff and resources on how to prevent the Cliff from occurring, visit <http://www.saveourchcs.org/makethecase.cfm>



# Health Centers and Medicaid: *Working Together*

Health centers and Medicaid work together to provide coverage and access for some of the most vulnerable Americans. Health centers are the health care home for more than **25 million patients**, **49%** of whom are covered by Medicaid. Nationally, health centers care for more than **1 in 6** of all Medicaid beneficiaries.

Health centers save the Medicaid program **\$6 billion annually**, and health center patients with Medicaid have lower utilization of costly hospital and emergency department-related services compared to patients at other providers. A recent landmark study of 13 states found that health centers save Medicaid, on average, **\$2,371 (or 24%) per year in total cost of care** when compared to other providers.

Congress recognized the vital role of health centers within Medicaid by creating a unique **prospective payment system** that ensures predictability and stability for every health center while saving Medicaid money overall. Even without any reduction to Medicaid benefits and eligibility, eliminating this payment system alone would result in a **loss of roughly 30%** of health centers' Medicaid revenue nationwide – for many health centers, the figure could be even higher.

## At Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center

<p>We employ <b>491</b> people.</p>	<p>We provide high quality, cost effective, integrated care for <b>44,074</b> people in our community.</p>	<p>In 2015 we cared for <b>26,295</b> Medicaid beneficiaries.</p>	<p>Which represented <b>60%</b> of patients who came through our door.</p>
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## In Oregon

<p>Health centers serve <b>222,463</b> Medicaid beneficiaries.</p>	<p>Which is <b>60%</b> of all patients served by health centers.</p>	<p>Health centers are cost effective Medicaid providers, serving <b>21.3%</b> of all Medicaid beneficiaries in our state,</p>	<p>but representing only <b>3.79%</b> of the state's total Medicaid expenditures.</p>
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*The Medicaid program is essential to the mission of health centers and the health of local communities. We must work together to protect the unique relationship between Medicaid and health centers by:*

- 1. Ensuring** that the low-income and vulnerable patients served by health centers retain meaningful coverage that incentivizes high-quality, integrated primary and preventive care.
- 2. Strengthening** health centers' unique role and payment system under Medicaid, which delivers both increased access and cost-savings to taxpayers.