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IPHCA Celebrates National Health Center Week 2025

Governor Pritzker Proclaims August 3-9, 2025 National Community Health Center Week

Springfield, Ill., August 1, 2025 - The Illinois Primary Health Care Association is proud to join Governor J.B. Pritzker in celebrating National Community Health Center Week (NCHW), taking place August 3-9. In honor of the vital contributions of community health centers (CHC) to communities across Illinois, Governor Pritzker issued a proclamation declaring this week as *National Community Health Center Week* in Illinois. It is an ideal time to recognize the outstanding work that Illinois' 55 CHCs do every day, providing equitable and accessible care to all regardless of income, insurance, or immigration status.

This year's NCHW celebration, launched by the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC), focuses on the theme: "America's Health Centers Celebrating 60 Years of Improving our Nation's Health." CHCs across the country join the celebration through a host of scheduled events that include resource fairs, back-to-school drives, health screenings, and visits by local, state, and national leaders. Throughout Illinois, CHCs will be celebrating with more than 40 events.

With a mission to make high-quality, affordable care available to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay or insurance status, CHCs save lives and healthcare costs on the front lines of our nation's most pressing public health challenges. They are powered by a workforce of over 310,000 dedicated professionals –more than 21,000 individuals in Illinois –who reach beyond the walls of the exam room with effective services that not only prevent illness but also address the factors that may cause it.

Illinois' CHCs are the health care home to:

- 1,534,000+ patients
- 500,000+ children
- 49,000+ homeless individuals
- 10,000+ veterans
- 1 out of 9 Illinois residents

About Illinois Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA) – IPHCA is a non-profit trade association that represents community health centers throughout the state. Illinois' 55 community health centers provide comprehensive, integrated primary care including medical, behavioral, and oral health care to roughly 1.5 million patients annually across more than 450 service sites in underserved rural, urban, and suburban communities. Learn more at www.iphca.org.

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