Highlights from the NACHC PCA call Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Tom Van Coverden, NACHC CEO:
- Re 4th stimulus bill … President wants infrastructure, Senate hasn’t said much, House taking lead
- Everybody is competing for money
- Need voice from CHC grassroots
- Working with Rep. Clyburn, D-S.C., to put everything in one package that CHCs need 340B, telehealth, revenue raising, etc.
- Preparing for a full-court press, ready to rock and roll to exert pressure on $77B ask, including:
  - $12B short term request
  - $42B for 5-year funding plan
  - $7.8B over 5 years tripled national health service corps, etc.
  - $15B infrastructure investment
- Making case many centers are hurting with the revenue loss, state by state estimates on revenue losses and job losses, trying to show examples of what we are doing, such as drive-thru telehealth
- Alexander, Grassley, Burr, Graham, Blunt: Key GOP senators
- Note: letter from TVC detailing ask available on CHCA website

Jennifer Taylor, NACHC federal affairs:
- Senate Majority Leader McConnell wants to bring Senate in Thursday for $250B to supplement for SBA paycheck protection
- Up to states to pursue with governors priority for PPE, NACHC has issued national request.

Colleen Meiman, NACHC senior policy advisor:
- CARES Act says in a small paragraph that applicants that serve underserved communities should get priority. Not sure SBA even knows it’s there. Reaching out to SBA that says CHCs get priority. We deserve to be front of line. We encourage each CHC applying to share that information with lenders.
- Reports that some CHCs have started getting their CARES money.
- CHCs over 500 employees not eligible for paycheck protection
- FCC $200 million to grants for public and nonprofit for telehealth. No competitive bidding. Very flexible. First come first serve basis. As soon as application window I expect them to be slammed. Each applicant can apply for as much as $1 million.

Bethany Hamilton, NACHC state affairs (and consultants):
- Option is out there for CHCs to pursue to get additional Medicaid money from individual states
- Guidance documents will be coming out from NACHC detailing this Medicaid Alternative Payment Methodology (APM) option
- Could be extra PMPM or lump sum payments to CHCs as supplemental funds to help get thru the COVID19 crisis
• CHCs in a state would have to go to their state Medicaid agency and ask for a State Plan Amendment (SPA). The more details the better that CHCs can provide about need, about what the request entails, about model language, and about how such an expense would benefit the state.

• Lay out state share and federal share.