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Indiana Primary Health Care Association Supports State Plan for HIP Expansion

Indianapolis, Indiana (May 15, 2014) – The Indiana Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA) applauds Governor Pence for his announced plan to expand the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) as a means of providing health care coverage to 350,000 uninsured Hoosiers.

"This plan will enable many of our state's hard-working citizens to obtain health care coverage, and to obtain much-needed primary care, while at the same time including a measure of personal responsibility in the plan. Studies show that access to primary care, including behavioral health care and oral health services, can reduce the consumption of other, more costly health care resources while improving the quality of life. Indiana's Community Health Centers stand ready to work with the Administration, and to do our part to help make this plan a success," said Hoagland Elliott, Chief Executive Officer of Raphael Community Health Center in Indianapolis and Chairman of the Board of IPHCA.

IPHCA is a leading advocate in Indiana for access to primary care for all. IPHCA's membership includes Indiana's state-funded community health centers and the state's twenty-two Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), with more than ninety sites located throughout the state. Indiana's Community Health Centers and FQHCs, located in urban and rural settings throughout the state, serve more than 500,000 individuals annually, with more than 1 million episodes of care.

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