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Hudson Headwaters Health Network Celebrates National Health Center Week: August 10-16

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America's Health Centers have produced a model of health care that has demonstrated this nation can meet compelling health needs while containing health care costs. The health center legacy proudly shows the value and vast potential of a community-based health system that is lifting the barriers to health care - safeguarding health - revitalizing communities - and keeping people healthy at cost savings for the nation.

-- National Association of Community Health Centers

National Health Center Week will be celebrated August 10 – 16 this year, the 43rd year of the Community Health Center program. Hudson Headwaters Health Network, operating a network of twelve community health centers in the Adirondack/Lake George/Glens Falls area, is celebrating this year's theme across the nation, "**America's Health Centers: Home of America's Health Care Heroes**". It recognizes the vital role of health center providers in achieving the success of the health center mission. From primary care physicians, to behavioral health specialists, to nurses and pharmacists, nearly 40,000 health care professionals serve on the front lines each day in health centers.

Hudson Headwaters' health centers have served our region for nearly 30 years, providing continuous primary and preventive care, and select specialty services. This care helps reduce the risk of new health care problems and lowers the overall cost of health care in our communities...and in our nation. Health centers across the United States are expanding to reach more people by removing geographic, language, and cultural barriers for patients who do not have a usual source of care. The emphasis of National Health Center Week is to recognize the service and contributions of Community Health Centers in providing access to affordable, high quality, cost-effective health care to medically vulnerable and underserved people in the United States. Hudson Headwaters joins in the national celebration and recognizes the tireless efforts of its Board of Directors and Community Advisory Committees, in addition to its providers and staff.

Community health centers ensure that all citizens have access to medical treatment and preventive care. Each year health centers serve more than 17 million citizens in more than 6,000 communities throughout urban and rural communities. Nearly half of these citizens are rural residents. By working together with schools, businesses, churches, community organizations, foundations, and state and local governments, these health centers strive to meet the special needs and priorities of communities and to improve the health and well being of countless families and individuals. With the observance of National Health Center Week, we recognize the important role and the invaluable contributions of America's health centers, their staff, board members, and all those responsible for their success.

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For more information on Community Health Centers go to the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) website – www.healthcenterweek.org. For more information about Hudson Headwaters Health Network, visit our website – www.hhn.org.

Hudson Headwaters is a not-for-profit, community-based network of health centers, serving the Adirondack/Lake George/Glens Falls region for nearly 30 years. Its health centers are located in Bolton Landing, Chestertown, Glens Falls, Indian Lake, Moreau, Moriah, North Creek, Queensbury, Schroon Lake, Ticonderoga and Warrensburg. For more information call 761-0300.



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