

### **Directions for the Advocacy Hotline:**

Dial **1-866-456-3949**, listen to the Health Center message prompt and enter your zip code to be connected to your Members of Congress. *If you've already called and heard the message you may enter your zip code as soon as the message begins to skip ahead to Congressional selection.*

The system will give you options for which Member of Congress to connect with – you may press option 1, 2 or 3, each corresponding to a different Member.

**Make sure to call the Advocacy Hotline 3 times in order to select and connect with each Member of Congress – see messaging below for calls to Senators and Representatives!**

### **Congressional Call Script – Fix the Health Center Funding Cliff**

Hi, my name is \_\_\_\_\_, I'm calling as a patient/board member/staff member, supporter of Health Center Name in town.

I'm calling today because I'm extremely concerned that Congress still hasn't taken action to fix the Health Center Funding Cliff.

The Community Health Center Fund expired on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The Health Center Program stands to lose 70% of program funding.

My Health Center and my community cannot afford to take this kind of hit; there are lives and jobs at stake.

**For Calls to your Representative:** I'm asking Representative \_\_\_\_\_ to co-sponsor HR 3770, the CHIME Act being led by Rep. Stefanik – this bill calls for a 5 year extension to Health Center funding. Can I count on the Congressman/woman to co-sponsor?

**For Calls to your Senators:** I'm asking Senator \_\_\_\_\_ to take immediate action to fix the Health Center Funding Cliff by co-sponsoring S 1899, the CHIME Act co-led by Senators Blunt and Stabenow. This bill calls for a 5 year extension to Health Center and National Health Service Corps funding.

Thanks for taking the time to talk with me today – I'm counting on the Senator/Representative to act to fix the Health Center Funding Cliff before the end of the month.