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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AWARDS \$1 MILLION
TO SUPPORT PREMIER COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE'S RESPONSE TO
EMERGENCIES**

BROOKSVILLE, Fla., October 13, 2020 – Premier Community Healthcare today announced it received \$1 million from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for emergency response services. In total, more than \$79 million in construction and other capital support for 165 HRSA-funded health centers across the country impacted by natural disasters occurring in 2018 and 2019 were awarded.

“Of those community health centers awarded nationwide, nine are right here in Florida where we have experienced more than its share of natural disasters,” explains Joey Resnick, CEO of Premier. Resnick further emphasized that the grant to Premier is the largest single grant received in the nonprofit’s 41-year history of serving Pasco & Hernando counties. The funding will ensure the community has access to comprehensive health care services, especially when unforeseen disasters occur.

“HRSA funded health centers are uniquely positioned to deliver needed services during an emergency,” said HRSA Administrator Tom Engels. “This funding will ensure affected health centers have the resources they need to maintain operations during a crisis, while continuing to provide quality care to our nation’s most vulnerable populations.”

The funding comes from the Capital Assistance for Disaster Response & Recovery Efforts bill backed by Senator Rubio and Congressman Bilirakis. The disaster aid bill was signed into law in June 2019. The grant award to Premier will contribute to the construction costs of a new 20,000+ square foot health center facility and will address the acute needs in the community, as identified in a recent health needs assessment, for expanded access to comprehensive primary, preventive and supplemental care. Services provided will include an increased capacity to respond and/or recovery from future emergencies/disasters while ensuring continuity of care through the provision of comprehensive primary and supplementary health care services for thousands of residents.

For 55 years, HRSA-funded health centers have delivered affordable, accessible, quality, and value-based primary health care to millions of people regardless of their ability to pay. HRSA funds nearly 1,400 health centers operating almost 13,000 sites, providing care to nearly 30 million people across the nation, in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Pacific Basin.

For a list of award recipients, visit <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/program-opportunities/cadre/fy2020-awards>.

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Premier Community HealthCare Group is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that operates Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC's) dedicated to providing accessible healthcare for all. Officially known as Premier Community HealthCare Group, Inc. (Premier), the organization is a non-profit community health center dedicated to providing high quality, affordable, accessible medical care to the medically underserved. With multiple conveniently located offices throughout Pasco and Hernando Counties and a new mobile dental clinic to serve patients, Premier provides a full range of comprehensive primary care medical services that include family medicine, pediatrics, dental, behavioral health, obstetrics and gynecology. Premier has been committed to improving access to care for everyone with its long-standing presence in the community since 1979.