

## **CVS Health Foundation Increases Access to Health Care Across the Country with \$1 Million in New Grants**

**WOONSOCKET, R.I., February 26, 2018** – As part of its ongoing effort to making quality health care convenient and affordable for more Americans, the CVS Health Foundation, a private charitable organization created by CVS Health (NYSE:CVS), today extended its commitment to the National Association of Free & Charitable Clinics (NAFC) with \$1 million in new grants to 49 Free and Charitable Clinics across the country. This year's grants focused on improving health outcomes for patients managing chronic conditions such as diabetes and hypertension.

"The rising cost of health care can make finding quality and affordable care harder to come by for many Americans," said Eileen Howard Boone, president of the CVS Health Foundation. "Through our support of the National Association of Free & Charitable Clinics, we're able to increase access to quality care, improve chronic disease management and care coordination to help improve health outcomes for the most vulnerable patients and reduce health care costs in the communities we serve."

The new funds, which bring the Foundation's total contribution to NAFC to more than \$4.5 million since 2015, will support increased access to quality care, as well as chronic disease management and prevention services. Grants, ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000, will be distributed to 49 free and charitable clinics in Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Maine, Michigan, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin and West Virginia.

"The NAFC and our network of charitable health care providers are beyond grateful for the continued support and unwavering commitment we receive from the CVS Health Foundation," said Nicole Lamoureux, NAFC CEO. "Diabetes and hypertension are the top two diagnoses found among our patient population. This year's funding will allow our Free and Charitable Clinics to focus on improving their patients' health outcomes for these chronic conditions, and in turn improving the health of communities across the country."

For more information on how the Free and Charitable Clinics will be utilizing their grants to improve community health, please visit [www.cvshealth.com/NAFC](http://www.cvshealth.com/NAFC).

### **About the CVS Health Foundation**

The CVS Health Foundation is a private charitable organization created by CVS Health that works to build healthier communities, enabling people of all ages to lead healthy, productive lives. The Foundation provides strategic investments to nonprofit partners throughout the U.S. who help increase community-based access to health care for underserved populations, create innovative approaches to chronic disease management and provide tobacco cessation and youth prevention programming. We also invest in scholarship programs that open the pathways to careers in pharmacy to support the academic aspirations of the best and brightest talent in the industry. Our philanthropy also extends to supporting our colleagues' spirit of volunteerism through Volunteer Challenge grants to nonprofits where they donate their time and fundraising efforts. To learn more about the CVS Health Foundation and its giving, visit [www.cvshealth.com/social-responsibility](http://www.cvshealth.com/social-responsibility).

### **About the National Association of Free & Charitable Clinics**

The National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics (NAFC) is the only nonprofit 501c(3) organization whose mission is solely focused on the issues and needs of the medically underserved throughout the nation and the more than 1,200 Free and Charitable Clinics that serve them. Founded in 2001 and headquartered near Washington, D.C., the NAFC is working to ensure that the medically underserved have access to affordable quality health care and strives to be a national voice promoting quality health care for all. The NAFC has earned the Platinum Seal of Transparency from GuideStar and a Four Star Ranking with Charity Navigator.

For more information about the NAFC, please visit [www.nafcclinics.org](http://www.nafcclinics.org). Follow the NAFC on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/NAFClinics> and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NAFCclinics>.

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