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## Affordable Care Act Benefits Imperial Valley

Congressman Bob Filner applauded today's announcement of \$9,398,738 for healthcare in the cities of San Diego, Brawley and Campo by Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius.

"The Affordable Care Act invests in our community health centers and helps make healthcare accessible and affordable," said Congressman Filner. "Close to \$10 million for healthcare locally means new jobs and the ability to serve more patients."

The awards are part of a series of capital investments that are made available to community health centers under the Affordable Care Act, which provides \$9.5 billion to expand services over five years and \$1.5 billion to support major construction and renovation projects at community health centers.

The announcement made today is for awards from two capital programs for community health centers. One will provide funding to existing health centers across the country for longer-term projects to expand their facilities, improve



existing services, and serve more patients. The local awards under this program include \$2,545,278 for Clinicas De Salud Del Pueblo, Inc. in Brawley and \$5,000,000 for Mountain Health & Community Services in Campo.

The second set of awards is for existing health centers to address pressing facility and equipment needs. Locally this means \$495,000 for Family Health Centers of San Diego, Inc. in San Diego, \$499,871 for San Diego Family Care in San Diego, \$358,590 for Clinicas De Salud

del Pueblo, Inc. in Brawley and \$499,999 for Mountain Health & Community Services in Campo.

Overall, since the beginning of 2009, employment at community health centers nationwide has increased by 15 percent. And, through the Affordable Care Act and the Recovery Act, community health centers are serving nearly 3 million additional patients today and will serve an additional 1.3 million additional new patients in the next two years.