The Issue
Community Health Centers have increased the number of patients served, the amount of services provided, and added additional service locations, but the Community Health Center State Grant has remained the same since 2008.

Why
Health Centers use State Grant funds to make significant impacts in every community they serve. These improvements include increasing access to oral health care, particularly for vulnerable populations; continuously reinvesting in innovative quality improvement activities, significantly broadening access to substance use disorder treatment and mental health services, and improving access to preventative care and chronic disease management.

The Solution
The Wisconsin State Legislature can pass AB 726/SB651: An Increase to the Wisconsin State Community Health Center Grant. This grant will increase the State Grant by $2 million annually and would allow Health Centers to reach even deeper into the communities they serve while addressing state health priorities.

The Stats
- Total patients served increased by 45% from 210,926 in 2008 to 304,516 in 2018.
- The number of dental patients doubled from 61,575 in 2008 to 161,900 in 2018.
- Health Centers are continuing to expand services and hire providers for Mental Health and SUD Services. Since 2008, Community Health Centers have hired 144 additional providers.