

[WASHINGTON, DC] – U.S. Senator Dick Durbin announced today that the Department of Health and Human Services’ Health Resources and Services Administration has awarded grants totaling \$2,250,000 to help expand behavioral health services at existing community healthcare centers across Illinois. This funding – made available through the Affordable Care Act – will help expand mental health services and increase the coordination, collaboration, and integration of primary and behavioral health care services at community healthcare centers.

“Community health centers are an invaluable resource for families across Illinois and across the country. This federal funding, made available through the Affordable Care Act, invests much-needed resources in mental health providers, especially in communities where access to these services is limited. As a result of this funding, community healthcare centers across Illinois will be able to provide better care, hire new mental health professionals and offer more services to those who need it the most,” Durbin said.

Under this announcement, the following healthcare centers and communities in Central Illinois will receive funding:

- Chestnut Health Systems, Inc. (Bloomington, Illinois): \$250,000 in funding for 2 years;