

## HOUSE BILL 1043: 2020 COVID-19 Recovery Act, Sec. 3.3(34): North Carolina Community Health Centers Association Funds

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Analysis of: Sec. 3.3(34) of S.L. 2020-4
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OVERVIEW: Section 3.3(34) of S.L. 2020-4, as amended by Section 1.1(d) of S.L. 2020-80, requires the Office of State Budget and Management to allocate \$7,425,000 of the funds appropriated from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to the North Carolina Community Health Center Association (NCCHCA), a nonprofit organization, to be used for distribution to its member health centers to cover the cost of eligible health services provided during the COVID-19 emergency and other costs allowed pursuant to federal guidance. By August 1, 2020, the NCCHCA is required to report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division on a plan for allocating the funds received under this section, and by February 1, 2021, on the use of these funds by recipients.

This section, as amended, became effective July 1, 2020.

Section 1.2 of S.L. 2020-97 further amended Section 3.3(34) of S.L. 2020-4, as amended by Section 1.1(d) of S.L. 2020-80, to increase the allocation to NCCHCA from \$7,425,000 to \$12,425,000 and to require that \$600,000 be equally distributed to the following federally qualified health center lookalikes, that are nonprofit corporations, to cover the cost of eligible health services provided during the COVID-19 emergency and other costs as federal guidance allows: Black River Health Services, Inc., Hot Springs Health Program, NeighborHealth Center, Inc.. The remaining funds must be used for distribution to member health centers. This amendment also added a November 1, 2020, reporting requirement in addition to the August 1, 2020, reporting requirement.

These amendments became effective September 4, 2020.