

**JOHN R. EVANS, MEMBER**

107 RYAN OFFICE BUILDING  
PO BOX 202005  
HARRISBURG, PA 17120-2005  
PHONE: (717) 772-9940  
FAX: (717) 772-7099

E-MAIL: [jevans@pahousegop.com](mailto:jevans@pahousegop.com)



**House of Representatives**  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Harrisburg

COMMITTEES

GAMES AND FISHERIES,  
REPUBLICAN CHAIRMAN  
CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
RULES  
POLICY

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative John R. Evans *JRE*

DATE: March 1, 2011

RE: COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH CARE (CHC) PROGRAM

In the near future, I plan to reintroduce former HB 1824 of 2007-2008 session. At that time, the legislation passed the House unanimously, but died in the Senate. Given the uncertainty of our economy, the growing number of unemployed in our state and what appears to be an end of adultBasic program, I believe this legislation is both necessary and timely.

As you may recall, my legislation will significantly expand access to health care by expanding community health centers across the Commonwealth - local facilities which serve the uninsured, underinsured and Medicaid populations.

This measure will support more locations, increase services, and expand availability of health care services in our state. Additionally, my legislation provides a focus on improvements in obstetrical and newborn care (including providing mobile obstetrical clinics serving both rural and urban areas).

Health centers currently serve close to 500,000 Pennsylvanians. Such centers can play a major role in providing primary care and minimizing unnecessary emergency room utilization by providing a medical home for these underserved populations.

The bill was developed several sessions ago by the House Republican Health Care Task Force through extensive consultation with consumers, health centers, physicians and others in the health care industry, and is designed to direct resources where they can be most efficiently deployed.

If you would like to cosponsor this measure, please contact Anne by phone at 2-9940 or via e-mail [ayanikov@pahousegop.com](mailto:ayanikov@pahousegop.com).

123 MEADVILLE STREET  
EDINBORO, PA 16412  
PHONE: (814) 734-2793  
FAX: (814) 734-4534

4880 BIRCHDALE DRIVE, SUITE 2  
GIRARD, PA 16417  
PHONE: (814) 774-2892  
FAX: (814) 774-7122

158 WEST ERIE STREET  
PO BOX 455  
LINESVILLE, PA 16424  
PHONE: (814) 683-5550  
FAX: (814) 683-4246