

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

August 8, 2018

The Honorable Alex Azar
Acting Secretary
U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services (HHS)
200 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Azar:

I am pleased to support the N.E.W. Community Clinic's application for Health Center Program's Service Area Competition funding through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources & Services Administration. Funding through the Health Center Program supports public and private nonprofit community-based and patient-directed organizations to help ensure continued access to affordable, quality primary health care services for communities and vulnerable populations.

For over four decades, the N.E.W. Community Clinic, a nonprofit 501(c)3, has delivered quality, comprehensive and compassionate health care to the underserved in Brown County. Located in the City of Green Bay, the N.E. W. Community Clinic operates a Community Health Center/Health Care for the Homeless program, a Women, Infant and Children nutritional program (WIC), a school based medical clinic, a Well Women's program, a blood lead screening program, and provides assistance with applications for Medicaid, disability and nutrition assistance.

Approved federal funding will be used to expand access to medical, health, and dental care to people who are uninsured and underinsured in Brown County. It is currently estimated that there are 55,007 people in Brown County below 200 percent of the federal poverty level, of whom 2,900 are at risk for homelessness. The N.E.W. Community Clinic will provide health care with case management in homeless shelters and out of their two medical clinics serving low income individuals.

I stand behind efforts that provide crucial healthcare services for all of our Wisconsin communities. For this reason, I respectfully request that full and fair consideration be given to the N.E.W. Community Clinic's application. Please keep Jessica Sielaff in my Madison office updated on the progress of this application and contact her should you have further questions or concerns. She may be reached at 30 West Mifflin Street, Suite 700, Madison, Wisconsin 53703, by phone at 608-264-5338, or by email at projects_grants@baldwin.senate.gov. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Tammy Baldwin
United States Senator