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Terri Stratton, Chief Executive Officer
El Dorado County Community Health Center
4327 Golden Center Drive
Placerville, CA 95667

Re: Health Resources and Services Administration – Health Center New Access Point Grant HRSA-15-016

Dear Ms. Stratton.

On behalf of the County of El Dorado Health and Human Services Agency, I would like to express support of the El Dorado County (EDC) Community Health Center's application to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for Health Center New Access Point grant funding.

The EDC Community Health Center and the Health and Human Services Agency have a long-standing relationship, working effectively together to respond to the needs of the residents in the county by collaborating on public health, social, and mental health services issues.

Currently, the EDC Community Health Center is serving 8,300 patients at its three facilities. HRSA reports show that there are still 16,658 underserved residents in our designated health professional shortage area. While EDC Community Health Center will be able to serve 3,460 more patients once their new facility in Cameron Park is fully open, there are still 13,198 low income, underserved residents needing medical care.

The EDC Community Health Center is recognized throughout our community as a provider of high quality, culturally competent care for the uninsured, underinsured, impoverished, and other vulnerable populations. HRSA's continued investment in the EDC Community Health Center is a critical factor in the County's ability to ensure our most vulnerable populations have continued access to quality medical care.

Sincerely,

Don Ashton, M.P.A.
Director