VERMONT HEALTH CENTERS EARN HIGH SCORES FOR QUALITY

VERMONT – AUGUST 28, 2015 — All of the Federally Qualified Health Centers in Vermont received national recognition from the U.S. Human Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) this week for their achievements in providing high quality, comprehensive care. The majority of FQHCs were in the top five percent of health centers nationwide recognized as “Health Center Quality Leaders.”

The health centers provide comprehensive medical, mental health and oral health services to nearly 200,000 Vermonters statewide at 83 clinical sites, in-school clinics, and with mobile care. “We’re very pleased Community Health Centers have been recognized for their impressive accomplishments,” said Tess Stack Kuenning, president and CEO of Bi-State Primary Care Association. “We especially appreciate the bipartisan Congressional support that makes it possible for them to improve and expand access to health care, especially in underserved areas.”

HRSA awards measure the quality of care, access to care, and value of care from data reported by all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and seven U.S. Territories. The Vermont health centers were recognized in four categories: 1) Health Center Quality Leaders; 2) Clinical Quality Improvers; 3) National Quality Leaders, and 4) Electronic Health Record Reporters. More information is available at www.hrsa.gov.

Community Health Centers provide access to primary and preventive health care services. Find a local Community Health Center at www.findahealthcenter.org.

Vermont HRSA Awards:
1. Battenkill Valley Health Center
2. Community Health Centers of Burlington
3. Community Health Centers of the Rutland Region
4. Community Health Services of Lamoille Valley
5. Gifford Health Care
6. Indian Stream Health Center
7. Little Rivers Health Care
8. Mountain Health Care
9. Northern Counties Health Care, Inc.
10. Northern Tier Center for Health (Richford Health Center)
11. Springfield Medical Care Systems, Inc.
12. The Health Center (Northeast Washington County Community Health Inc.)

ABOUT BI-STATE PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION
Established in 1986, Bi-State Primary Care Association, serving New Hampshire and Vermont, is a nonpartisan, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization promoting access to effective and affordable primary medical, dental, and behavioral health care and preventive services for all, including the uninsured and under-insured, through Community Health Centers in New Hampshire and Vermont. More information is available: www.bistatepca.org.

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