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CHI RECEIVES FCC GRANT TO ENHANCE TELEHEALTH PROGRAM FOR GREATER REMOTE ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE DURING THE PANDEMIC

MIAMI—September 29, 2021—The Federal Communications Commission awarded [Community Health of South Florida, Inc. \(CHI\)](#) with \$347,850 in funding to provide telehealth resources to address the COVID-19 pandemic in the South Florida community. The funding will provide monitoring devices for patients, eConsultations with medical specialists such as cardiologists, and asthma specialists, software licenses for CHI doctors to increase their accessibility to patients via telehealth and more. The grant will help increase access to primary care and behavioral health resources for underserved patients, especially those at high risk of COVID-19 and reduce the need to travel for healthcare services. It is expected that CHI will care for an additional 10,500 patients in Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties with the funding provided. This will include remote patient monitoring with tools that will enable providers to remotely track the health of their patients at home.

The FCC’s COVID-19 telehealth program announced the award to CHI today, along with 72 other nationwide healthcare organizations. The federal initiative awarded nearly \$42 million to help reimburse health care organizations for the greater need for telehealth services due to the pandemic.

“We are very grateful for this grant award,” said Blake Hall, CHI President. “Last year we launched a comprehensive telehealth program to ensure that our patients had access to

healthcare despite the pandemic. This funding will help support and add to that infrastructure as we move toward continued innovations in patient care.”

About Community Health of South Florida, Inc.

CHI celebrates its 50-year anniversary in 2021 with a legacy of excellence in healthcare. Since 1971, CHI has been a beacon of hope providing access to high-quality healthcare for all regardless of insurance status, income level or background. The non-profit federally qualified health center offers comprehensive healthcare services including primary care, pediatrics, OB/GYN, dental, urgent care, behavioral health, vision, radiology, pharmacy, transportation and more. CHI has 11 health centers and 36 school-based sites. CHI is a recipient of the Florida Governor’s Sterling Award. It is accredited by the Joint Commission and is also designated as a patient centered medical home by the National Committee for Quality Assurance. CHI is also designated as a behavioral health medical home. In addition, CHI is home to the Brodes H. Hartley Jr., Teaching Health Center, training the next generation of doctors in family medicine and psychiatry. CHI is currently building the first Children’s Crisis Center in southern Miami-Dade County. It will service kids with severe behavioral health problems from Monroe and Miami-Dade Counties.

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