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Miami Beach Community Health Center Receives Diabetes Navigator Grant from Direct Relief and Eli Lilly

MIAMI, Fla., July 30, 2020 – [Miami Beach Community Health Center](#) (MBCHC) today announced an award of \$50,000 from the medical aid organization Direct Relief, in partnership with Eli Lilly and Company. Direct Relief and Eli Lilly launched an initiative to award Diabetes Navigator grants to help underserved patients with diabetes better navigate the U.S. health care system and connect to resources so they can maintain and improve their health.

MBCHC will use the funds to provide continuous glucose monitors and supplies for uninsured diabetic patients whose condition is poorly controlled. MBCHC physicians will employ telemedicine to more closely manage the progress of these patients to A1c control. “COVID-19 is adversely affecting our diabetic patients and continuous glucose monitors will greatly assist our endocrinologists in monitoring and caring for the most needy of them,” said Trudy Pacheco, Vice President of Grant and Project Development.

MBCHC is a fully integrated ambulatory care medical facility that provides the entire spectrum of primary health care services and select specialty care services. MBCHC is Joint Commission accredited for ambulatory care and laboratory services and certified as a Primary Care Medical Home. The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) has certified MBCHC at the highest level as a Patient-Centered Medical Home. In 2019 MBCHC provided health care visits to 52,174 patients.

Nearly 30 million (1 in 12) of the country’s most vulnerable residents -- including 1 in 3 individuals living in poverty, 1 in 5 Medicaid beneficiaries, and 1 in 9 children -- rely on federally qualified health centers like MBCHC for their health care. That number is expected to rise as more people lose employer-sponsored insurance.

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About Miami Beach Community Health Center: Since 1977, [Miami Beach Community Health Center](#) is dedicated to providing quality medical care to the uninsured and underinsured in South Florida and turns no patient away for inability to pay. Visit www.mbchc.org for more information.

About Direct Relief: Direct Relief is a humanitarian aid organization, active in all 50 states and 70 countries, with a mission to improve the health and lives of people affected by poverty or emergencies. Founded in 1948, Direct Relief’s pharmaceutical assistance programs focus on maternal and child health, the prevention and treatment of disease, and emergency preparedness and response. Visit www.directrelief.org for more information.