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**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY STRENGTHENS COMMITMENT TO
UNINSURED RESIDENTS WITH HEALTH ASSURES PROGRAM**

LARGO, MD – Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks announced the allocation of \$4.250 million to expand the Health Assures Program, a vital initiative aimed at relieving the burden of uncompensated care for uninsured patient visits at Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). The Health Assures Program is dedicated to ensuring that low-cost or free medical, behavioral, and dental care services are accessible to eligible uninsured individuals residing in the county.

"The Health Assures Program exemplifies our unwavering commitment to improving the health and well-being of Prince George's County residents," said County Executive Angela Alsobrooks. "By providing essential health services to those who are uninsured and often undocumented, we are creating a community where every resident has the opportunity to achieve optimal health."

Originally established in 2018, the Health Assures Program has provided significant support to the county's uninsured population. Historically funded with \$250,000 annually from the County General Fund, the program saw substantial growth in fiscal year (FY) 2021 with the infusion of \$2.8 million in CARES funding specifically for COVID-related services. The expansion continued in FY 2022 with an additional \$2.8 million from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), alongside the recurring \$250,000 from the County General Fund, totaling \$3,050,000. In FY 2023 and FY 2024, the county made a strong commitment with allocations of \$5 million each year from ARPA funds.

Eligible individuals for the Health Assures Program include those who are uninsured, ineligible for insurance or other government assistance programs, and living at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. The program primarily targets residents of Prince George's County, many of whom are undocumented, ensuring they receive the care they need without the burden of financial hardship.

The Alsobrooks Administration remains dedicated to fostering a healthier community through initiatives like Health Assures, ensuring that every resident has access to the care they deserve.

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Prince George's County, Maryland

A mere glance at the diversity of Prince George's County confirms our role as a cultural and economic leader of tomorrow. Located in the heart of the Baltimore/Washington corridor, the County borders Washington D.C. and is just 37 miles south of the City of Baltimore.

Encompassing almost 500 square miles, Prince George's County has an urban atmosphere that also provides a scenic and peaceful place to live, work, and play.

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