

Name  
Organization  
Address

[Date]

26Health  
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Dear Latrice Stewart,

On behalf of [Partner Organization Name], I'm writing to express our full support for 26Health's application for the Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alike designation. This represents a vital opportunity to double down on 26Health's mission of providing comprehensive primary care and behavioral health services in the Orlando community, where the need for inclusive, accessible care is significant.

As a trusted collaborator of 26Health, we've seen firsthand your dedication to delivering high-quality, whole-person care. Your commitment to ensuring that everyone receives exceptional care, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay, is inspiring and directly aligns with the values of the Federally Qualified Health Center program. I am confident this designation will greatly assist them as they work to address critical gaps in services in Central Florida, particularly for the LGBTQ community.

More than just providing healthcare, I know 26Health is committed to building community. This important designation will not just benefit them- it will strengthen our entire community and our collaborative efforts to bolster health and wellness throughout the region. We are excited to support them as they embark on this important journey, knowing that their holistic approach—integrating behavioral health and primary care—will meet the unique needs of the community.

We fully support 26Health's pursuit of Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alike status and look forward to continuing our partnership and seeing the impact this will have on community health.

Sincerely,  
[Name]  
[Title]  
[Partner Organization Name]  
[Contact Information]

## 1/23/25 Executive Committee Meeting Summary

- The Executive Committee was presented with the preceding draft letter and the following information:
  - FQHC Look-Alike Status would allow 26Health to “provide ‘care for every letter’ without regard for insurance status or ability to pay, along with continuing to support those living in our community with HIV/STI testing, treatment, and prevention while connecting them to other supportive services.”
- The Executive Committee denied the letter request, but was open to resubmission and requested the following information:
  - How would the FQHC Look-Alike status provide better access to care for Central Florida's HIV population?
  - What are the critical gaps in services mentioned in the letter that 26Health would fill for people with HIV?
  - How is 26Health ensuring that the HIV Community in Central Florida is currently being served?
  - Invite 26Health to an upcoming meeting
- PCS notified the organization that the current iteration of the letter was denied, sent the requested questions, and provided information on the next scheduled meeting (PCB on January 29<sup>th</sup>) along with the website calendar.

## 2/18/25 Update

26Health sent the following response:

“Thank you so much for your email. I would be happy to provide the requested information. 26Health has served the LGBTQ community since our founding in 2011. Originally a behavioral health practice, we expanded our services to include primary care, adoptions, the evolutions closet, aesthetic services and more. Upon the expansion of our services, leadership was international about caring for the sexual health of all but placed specific emphasis on the sexual wellness of the LGBTQ community. In fact, more than 150 of our patients receive treatment for HIV at 26Health with many more receiving PrEP as a standard part of their treatment plans. We have standing hours for testing at our health center and recently formed a “street team” whose main focus is to take care directly to patients in the community via our mobile unit and more.

We have been intentional about providing “care for every letter” and not turning away patients that are uninsured, underinsured, or financially constrained. Designation as a Federally Qualified Health Center Look Alike allows us to serve even more members of our community with the support of the federal government. This designation would set 26Health apart as the only LGBTQ focused FQHC in the area – a major milestone and boon to the community.

Some of the gaps in care referenced in the letter include transportation and mental health support. I'm happy to report that we offer transportation assistance as well as a patient assistance fund to assist with their barriers.

I'd be happy to discuss any of the above further.”