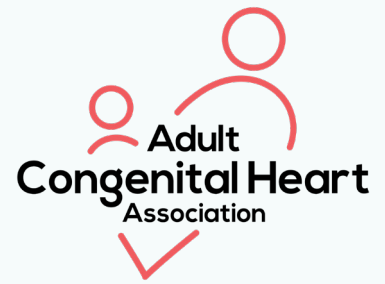


# Three reasons you should know about CHFRA

## The Congenital Heart Futures Reauthorization Act of 2024



### 1. It saves lives.

The *Congenital Heart Futures Reauthorization Act* (H.R. 7189, S. 3757) reauthorizes up to \$50 million over 5 years for research and surveillance programs for people of all ages with congenital heart disease (CHD). This critical legislation improves the health of all Americans born with the most common birth defect, affecting 1 in 100 babies.



### 2. It prioritizes the need for lifelong care.

*CHFRA* directs the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to identify the key research needs and opportunities related to the lifelong needs of Americans with CHD. With only 10% of adults in specialized heart care, *CHFRA* will provide desperately needed information about long-term health outcomes and quality of life, mental health, and costs of care.

### 3. It addresses the lack of adult CHD specialists.

Funding from *CHFRA* will be used to study why there are only 500 ACHD cardiologists to serve an estimated 2 million adults with CHD. The legislation directs the government to find ways to address the workforce shortage, including expanding fellowship training programs and starting more regional ACHD centers.

## Act today.

In less than 5 minutes, you can email your elected officials and ask them to support CHFRA.



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