Health Centers Expanding Capacity to Provide More Services

Community, Migrant, Homeless, Public Housing, and other Health Center Program grantees are non-profit, community-directed, primary and preventive care providers serving many of the nation’s low-income and medically underserved communities.* All health centers provide medical care services onsite. A growing number of health centers also provide behavioral health, dental, and other important care services onsite. As a result of increased federal and state funding, more health centers have been able to expand their capacity to provide these services by employing a wider variety of staff types and integrating these services with medical care.

The Health Center Program has experienced tremendous growth thanks to continued support. Health centers are present in more underserved communities and are delivering vital primary and preventive care to more patients than ever before. Given remaining health care needs among the communities they serve, health centers endeavor to further expand capacity and diversify services.

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*In this document, unless otherwise noted, the term “health center” is generally used to refer to organizations that receive grants under the Health Center Program as authorized under section 330 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended (referred to as “grantees”). Behavioral health refers to mental health and substance abuse. Sources: 2015 and 2010 Uniform Data System, Bureau of Primary Health Care, HRSA, HHS.*