Health Centers Expanding Reach

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.*

Since 2010, health centers have expanded their reach, serving more patients and communities.

- **2015**
  - 1,375 federally-funded health centers
  - Over 24 million patients served
  - Over 9,800 delivery sites

- **Growth since 2010**
  - 251 more health centers
  - 4,826,479 more patients served
  - 2,805 more delivery sites

Number of Patient Visits in 2015 and Percent Growth Since 2010

- Total Visits: 97.0 M, 26%
- Medical: 67.4 M, 20%
- Dental: 13.2 M, 43%
- Behavioral Health: 56%
- Vision: 672 K, 63%

Health centers have also expanded the breadth of services offered to both new and existing patients.

Since 2010, investments in the Health Center Program have increased health centers’ capacity to serve more patients and broaden the care provided to all patients, especially behavioral health services such as treatment for opioid addiction, care for depression, and other substance abuse and mental health needs.

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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, DHHS.

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