

The Value and Impact of Rural Health Center Program Participants

Five hundred ninety-five Rural Health Center Program participants provide tremendous value and impact to the communities they serve through **CARE FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS, SAVINGS TO THE SYSTEM, ECONOMIC STIMULUS, STATE-OF-THE-ART PRACTICES, and INTEGRATED CARE** with a focus on **MANAGING CHRONIC CONDITIONS, PREVENTATIVE CARE, and QUALITY HEALTH OUTCOMES.**

This report highlights their **2023** savings and contributions.



ECONOMIC STIMULUS

92,985	108,943	201,928
HEALTH CENTER JOBS	OTHER JOBS	TOTAL JOBS
\$15.3 Billion	\$22.5 Billion	\$37.8 Billion
DIRECT HEALTH CENTER SPENDING	COMMUNITY SPENDING	TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT OF CURRENT OPERATIONS
\$1.0 Billion	\$3.6 Billion	\$4.6 Billion
STATE & LOCAL TAX REVENUES	FEDERAL TAX REVENUES	ANNUAL TAX REVENUES

		Employment (# of FTEs)	Economic Impact	State & Local Tax Revenues	Federal Tax Revenues
Community Impact	Direct	92,985	\$15,270,292,969	\$257,036,194	\$1,806,508,162
	Indirect	40,551	\$7,858,866,449	\$187,549,467	\$684,585,119
	Induced	68,392	\$14,678,302,157	\$473,034,204	\$1,157,972,693
	Total	201,928	\$37,807,461,575	\$917,619,866	\$3,649,065,974
				\$4,566,685,840	



SAVINGS TO THE SYSTEM

24%	\$9.4 Billion	\$17.0 Billion
LOWER COSTS FOR HEALTH CENTER MEDICAID PATIENTS	SAVINGS TO MEDICAID	SAVINGS TO THE OVERALL HEALTH SYSTEM



CARE FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

12.1%	36,961,550	3,315,225	40,276,775
4-YEAR PATIENT GROWTH	CLINIC VISITS	VIRTUAL VISITS	TOTAL VISITS
9,965,462			
PATIENTS SERVED			
26.6%	83.7%	38.8%	
CHILDREN & ADOLESCENTS	LOW INCOME	IDENTIFY AS AN ETHNIC OR RACIAL MINORITY	
476,929	212,578	233,061	
AGRICULTURAL WORKERS	VETERANS	HOMELESS	

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INTEGRATED CARE

8,376,242	1,989,907	197,203
PATIENTS RECEIVED MEDICAL CARE	PATIENTS RECEIVED DENTAL CARE	PATIENTS RECEIVED VISION CARE
878,195	89,947	640,689
PATIENTS RECEIVED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE	PATIENTS RECEIVED SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES	PATIENTS RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE ENABLING SERVICE TO OVERCOME BARRIERS TO CARE



MANAGING CHRONIC CONDITIONS

403,839	452,287	21,992
PATIENTS WITH ASTHMA	PATIENTS WITH HEART DISEASE	PATIENTS WITH HIV

1,037,477	73.1%	2,091,970	67.8%
PATIENTS WITH DIABETES	PATIENTS WITH DIABETES CONTROLLED	PATIENTS WITH HYPERTENSION	PATIENTS WITH HYPERTENSION CONTROLLED



PREVENTATIVE CARE

896,558	1,878,537
CHILDREN ATTENDED WELL-CHILD VISITS	PATIENTS RECEIVED IMMUNIZATIONS AND SEASONAL FLU VACCINES

STATE-OF-THE-ART PRACTICES

53.6%	95.8%	82.2%
HEALTH CENTERS PROVIDING PHARMACY SERVICES	HEALTH CENTERS PROVIDING TELEHEALTH CARE	HEALTH CENTERS HAVE INSTALLED AND CURRENTLY USE AN ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD (EHR)

REFERENCES AND DATA SOURCES

- Savings to the System: Nocon et al. Health Care Use and Spending for Medicaid Enrollees in Federally Qualified Health Centers Versus Other Primary Care Settings. American Journal of Public Health: November 2016, Vol. 106, No. 11, pp. 1981-1989.
- IMPLAN model: The analyses featured in this report utilize an integrated economic modeling software called IMPLAN which applies the “multiplier effect” to capture the direct, indirect, and induced economic effects of health center business operations and capital project plans. IMPLAN generates multipliers by geographic region and by industry combined with a county/state database. It is widely used by economists, state and city planners, universities, and others to estimate the impact of projects and expenditures on the local economy.
- Economic Stimulus: Economic impact was measured using 2023 IMPLAN Online from IMPLAN Group LLC, IMPLAN System (data and software), 16905 Northcross Dr., Suite 120, Huntersville, NC 28078, www.IMPLAN.com.
- “Low Income” refers to those with earnings at or below 200% of federal poverty guidelines.
- Care for Vulnerable Populations: Bureau of Primary Health Care, HRSA, DHHS, 2023 Uniform Data System.
- Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) of 1.0 is equivalent to one full-time employee. In an organization that has a 40-hour work week, an employee who works 20 hours per week (i.e., 50 percent of full time) is reported as “0.5 FTE.” FTE is also based on the number of months the employee works. An employee who works full time for four months out of the year would be reported as “0.33 FTE” (4 months/12 months).
- Integrated Care refers to comprehensive primary health care (e.g., primary medical, oral, mental, substance use disorder, vision, enabling services).
- The Health Center Program includes Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) receiving Section 330 funding and Look-Alikes.

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