

## What are Health Centers?

Community, Migrant, Homeless, Public Housing, and other Health Center Program grantees are **non-profit, community-directed providers** that remove common barriers to care by serving communities who otherwise confront financial, geographic, language, cultural and other barriers. Known as health centers, they:

- are **located in high-need areas** identified as having elevated poverty, higher than average infant mortality, and where few physicians practice;
- are **open to all residents**, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay;
- **tailor services** to fit the special needs and priorities of their communities, and provide services in a linguistically and culturally appropriate manner;
- provide **comprehensive primary and other health care services**, including services that help their patients access care, such as transportation, translation, and case management;
- **provide high quality care**, reducing health disparities and improving patient outcomes;<sup>1</sup> and
- are **cost effective**, reducing costly emergency, hospital, and specialty care, and **saving the health care system \$24 billion a year nationally.**<sup>2</sup>

## Colorado Federally-Supported Health Centers, 2014

Number of Grantee Organizations	17
Percent with Electronic Health Record System Installed <sup>3</sup>	88%
Percent with Patient Centered Medical Home Recognition <sup>3</sup>	65%
Number of Delivery Sites	175
Total Patients	519,975
Percent Growth in Number of Patients since 2010	14%
Percent of Patients Served by Rural Organizations	49%
Number of Migrant/Seasonal Farmworker Patients	10,037
Number of Homeless Patients	30,257
Number of Veterans Served	6,125

## Population Characteristics<sup>4</sup>

	<u>Health Center Population</u>	<u>State Population</u>	<u>US Population</u>
Percent <b>at or Below 100% of Poverty</b>	74%	12%	15%
Percent <b>Under 200% of Poverty</b>	93%	29%	34%
Percent <b>Uninsured</b>	22%	11%	10%
Percent <b>Medicaid</b>	57%	20%	19%
Percent <b>Medicare</b>	8%	12%	13%
Percent <b>Hispanic/Latino</b>	50%	21%	17%
Percent <b>African American</b>	8%	4%	13%
Percent <b>Asian/Pacific Islander</b>	3%	3%	6%
Percent <b>American Indian/Alaska Native</b>	1%	2%	1%
Percent <b>White</b>	72%	88%	77%

# Colorado Health Center Fact Sheet, 2014

## Patient Visits and Patients by Selected Primary Diagnoses and Services<sup>5</sup>

	<u>Patient Visits</u>	<u>Patients</u>
<i>Medical Conditions</i>		
Hypertension	154,271	66,084
Diabetes mellitus	138,034	40,440
Heart Disease	31,748	12,557
Asthma	46,072	26,516
Depression and Other Mood Disorders	124,020	47,005
Anxiety and PTSD	69,372	28,962
Substance Abuse	76,268	N/A
Other Mental Disorders	87,741	N/A
<i>Preventive Services</i>		
Health Supervision Ages 0-11	132,503	87,673
Immunizations	231,937	N/A
Oral Dental Exams	90,617	70,116
Pap Test	41,411	39,114
Mammogram	15,377	10,391
Hepatitis B and C Test	12,142	11,445
HIV Test	30,981	29,558

## Health Center Staff and Related Patient Visit<sup>6</sup>

	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Patient Visits</u>
Physicians	255.5	697,608
NPs/PAs/CNMs	284.6	830,447
Nurses	239.5	34,410
Dentists	84.6	182,577
Dental Hygienists	51.4	66,518
Mental Health Specialists	144.3	113,738
Pharmacy	157.2	N/A
Total Enabling Services	652.6	172,180
Vision	2.2	1,749
Other Staff	2,490.8	15,909
<b>Total Staff</b>	<b>4,362.6</b>	<b>2,115,136</b>

## Percent of Health Centers with Staff to Provide Select Services Onsite<sup>7</sup>

<i>Clinical Services</i>	
General Primary Medical Care	100%
Preventive Dental Care	82%
Mental Health and/or Substance Abuse Treatment Counseling	88%
Vision	12%
Pharmacy	76%
<i>Enabling Services</i>	
Case Management	94%
Eligibility Assistance	94%
Health Education	65%
Interpretation/Translation Services	24%
Transportation	6%
Outreach	65%

## Health Center Costs of Care<sup>8</sup>

### *Average Cost per Patient*

Medical Costs per Medical Patient	\$541
Dental Costs per Dental Patient	\$478
Total Cost per Total Patient	\$844

### *Average Cost per Patient Visit*

Medical Cost per Medical Patient Visit	\$170
Dental Costs per Dental Patient Visit	\$198
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Costs per Mental Health and Substance Abuse Health Patient Visit	\$98

Note: Data reflected in this fact sheet may underreport the true volume of care delivered by health centers. In this document, unless otherwise noted, the term "health centers" refers to organizations that receive grants under the Health Center Program as authorized under section 330 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended. This fact sheet does not include data for those health centers that do not receive Health Center Program grants. This includes those entities known as Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) "Look-Alikes." In 2014 there were 81 FQHC Look-Alikes across the United States.

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