

WHAT ARE HEALTH CENTERS?

Health centers are consumer-driven and patient-centered organizations that serve as a comprehensive and cost effective primary health care option for America's most underserved communities. Health centers serve everyone regardless of ability to pay or insurance status. They increase access to health care and provide integrated care services based on the unique needs of the communities they serve. Health centers deliver value to and have a significant impact on America's healthcare system. They:

- serve as the health care home for more than **25 million patients** in nearly **10,000 communities** across the country;
- reduce health care costs and produce savings – on average, health centers save **24% per Medicaid patient** when compared to other providers;
- integrate critical medical and social services such as oral health, mental health, substance abuse, case management, and translation, under one roof;
- employ nearly **190,000 people** and **generate over \$45 billion in total economic activity** in some of the nation's most distressed communities;
- serve on the front lines of public health crises such as the **Zika virus** and the **opioid epidemic**; and
- provide care to nearly **1.2 million homeless patients** and more than **300,000 veterans**.

HEALTH CENTERS IN CO, 2015

Health Centers in CO

Number of Grantee Organizations	20
Number of Delivery Sites	191
Percent of Grantees with Patient Centered Medical Home Recognition	65%

CO Health Center Patients

Total Patients	553,807
Percent Growth in Number of Patients Since 2010	21%
Percent of Patients Served by Rural Organizations	48%
Number of Migrant/Seasonal Farmworker Patients	11,985
Number of Homeless Patients	31,906
Number of Veterans Served	6,965

CO Health Center Staff Provide a Comprehensive Range of Services

Staff Type	FTEs
Physicians	272.9
NPs/PAs/CNMs	316.4
Nurses	284.0
Dentists	98.8
Dental Hygienists	66.3
Behavioral Health Specialists	185.1
Pharmacy	167.1
Enabling Services	621.6
Vision	2.5
Other Staff	2,783.7
Total Staff	4,798.4

	Health Center Percentage	CO Percentage	US Percentage	Selected Primary Diagnosis Type	Patient Visits
% at or below 100% poverty	71%	10%	14%	Chronic Conditions	362,335
% at or below 200% poverty	93%	25%	32%	Behavioral Health	373,699
% Uninsured	22%	9%	9%	Preventive Services	588,773
% Medicaid	57%	19%	20%		
% Medicare	8%	13%	14%		
% Racial/Ethnic Minority	63%	32%	39%		