

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 DC, 2015

Health Centers in DC

Number of Grantee Organizations	8
Number of Delivery Sites	56
Percent of Grantees with Patient Centered Medical Home Recognition	75%

DC Health Center Patients

Total Patients	170,638
Percent Growth in Number of Patients Since 2010	56%
Percent of Patients Served by Rural Organizations	21%
Number of Migrant/Seasonal Farmworker Patients	263
Number of Homeless Patients	12,421
Number of Veterans Served	1,133

DC Health Center Staff Provide a Comprehensive Range of Services

Staff Type	FTEs
Physicians	117.6
NPs/PAs/CNMs	99.4
Nurses	169.9
Dentists	30.7
Dental Hygienists	12.2
Behavioral Health Specialists	118.0
Pharmacy	17.4
Enabling Services	244.2
Vision	0.0
Other Staff	1,000.5
Total Staff	1,809.8

	Health Center Percentage	DC Percentage	US Percentage
% at or below 100% poverty	71%	17%	14%
% at or below 200% poverty	92%	31%	32%
% Uninsured	19%	4%	9%
% Medicaid	55%	26%	20%
% Medicare	6%	10%	14%
% Racial/Ethnic Minority	95%	64%	39%

Selected Primary Diagnosis Type	Patient Visits
Chronic Conditions	203,824
Behavioral Health	257,880
Preventive Services	240,602