

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 MD, 2015

Health Centers in MD

Number of Grantee Organizations	17
Number of Delivery Sites	124
Percent of Grantees with Patient Centered Medical Home Recognition	65%

MD Health Center Patients

Total Patients	303,352
Percent Growth in Number of Patients Since 2010	14%
Percent of Patients Served by Rural Organizations	42%
Number of Migrant/Seasonal Farmworker Patients	1,358
Number of Homeless Patients	15,306
Number of Veterans Served	4,600

MD Health Center Staff Provide a Comprehensive Range of Services

Staff Type	FTEs
Physicians	165.7
NPs/PAs/CNMs	141.4
Nurses	213.3
Dentists	44.6
Dental Hygienists	17.0
Behavioral Health Specialists	197.7
Pharmacy	89.0
Enabling Services	273.6
Vision	0.1
Other Staff	1,604.4
Total Staff	2,746.8

	Health Center Percentage	MD Percentage	US Percentage	Selected Primary Diagnosis Type	Patient Visits
% at or below 100% poverty	68%	10%	14%	Chronic Conditions	297,039
% at or below 200% poverty	91%	23%	32%	Behavioral Health	307,644
% Uninsured	19%	7%	9%	Preventive Services	294,978
% Medicaid	50%	15%	20%		
% Medicare	10%	12%	14%		
% Racial/Ethnic Minority	67%	48%	39%		