

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;¹ and
- are **cost effective**, reducing costly emergency, hospital, and specialty care, and **saving the health care system \$24 billion a year nationally.**²

North Dakota Federally-Supported Health Centers, 2014

Number of Grantee Organizations	4
Percent with Electronic Health Record System Installed ³	100%
Percent with Patient Centered Medical Home Recognition ³	100%
Number of Delivery Sites	18
Total Patients	34,311
Percent Growth in Number of Patients since 2010	11%
Percent of Patients Served by Rural Organizations	58%
Number of Migrant/Seasonal Farmworker Patients	365
Number of Homeless Patients	2,476
Number of Veterans Served	1,097

Population Characteristics⁴

	<u>Health Center Population</u>	<u>State Population</u>	<u>US Population</u>
Percent at or Below 100% of Poverty	61%	10%	15%
Percent Under 200% of Poverty	91%	24%	34%
Percent Uninsured	34%	9%	10%
Percent Medicaid	23%	9%	19%
Percent Medicare	10%	13%	13%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	6%	3%	17%
Percent African American	10%	2%	13%
Percent Asian/Pacific Islander	5%	1%	6%
Percent American Indian/Alaska Native	7%	5%	1%
Percent White	73%	89%	77%

North Dakota Health Center Fact Sheet, 2014

Patient Visits and Patients by Selected Primary Diagnoses and Services⁵

	<u>Patient Visits</u>	<u>Patients</u>
<i>Medical Conditions</i>		
Hypertension	10,229	4,899
Diabetes mellitus	5,763	2,063
Heart Disease	3,225	1,116
Asthma	1,246	818
Depression and Other Mood Disorders	5,657	3,151
Anxiety and PTSD	2,561	1,419
Substance Abuse	4,726	N/A
Other Mental Disorders	1,827	N/A
<i>Preventive Services</i>		
Health Supervision Ages 0-11	2,257	1,406
Immunizations	9,492	N/A
Oral Dental Exams	14,151	11,244
Pap Test	1,763	1,589
Mammogram	681	666
Hepatitis B and C Test	1,319	1,300
HIV Test	1,078	1,075

Health Center Staff and Related Patient Visit⁶

	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Patient Visits</u>
Physicians	4.8	19,388
NPs/PAs/CNMs	22.3	48,439
Nurses	33.1	7,832
Dentists	9.0	19,629
Dental Hygienists	8.0	7,738
Mental Health Specialists	1.0	632
Pharmacy	15.7	N/A
Total Enabling Services	29.0	4,566
Vision	1.2	1,925
Other Staff	135.3	5,856
Total Staff	259.2	116,005

Percent of Health Centers with Staff to Provide Select Services Onsite⁷

<i>Clinical Services</i>	
General Primary Medical Care	100%
Preventive Dental Care	75%
Mental Health and/or Substance Abuse Treatment Counseling	50%
Vision	25%
Pharmacy	25%
<i>Enabling Services</i>	
Case Management	50%
Eligibility Assistance	100%
Health Education	50%
Interpretation/Translation Services	50%
Transportation	25%
Outreach	25%

Health Center Costs of Care⁸

Average Cost per Patient

Medical Costs per Medical Patient	\$459
Dental Costs per Dental Patient	\$474
Total Cost per Total Patient	\$782

Average Cost per Patient Visit

Medical Cost per Medical Patient Visit	\$170
Dental Costs per Dental Patient Visit	\$207
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Costs per Mental Health and Substance Abuse Health Patient Visits	\$163

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.

For sources and endnotes visit http://www.nachc.com/client//StateFS_Sources.pdf. For more information, email research@nachc.com or visit www.communityhealthcare.net.