

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 RI, 2015

Health Centers in RI

Number of Grantee Organizations	8
Number of Delivery Sites	48
Percent of Grantees with Patient Centered Medical Home Recognition	88%

RI Health Center Patients

Total Patients	152,822
Percent Growth in Number of Patients Since 2010	25%
Percent of Patients Served by Rural Organizations	47%
Number of Migrant/Seasonal Farmworker Patients	255
Number of Homeless Patients	2,207
Number of Veterans Served	1,917

RI Health Center Staff Provide a Comprehensive Range of Services

Staff Type	FTEs
Physicians	76.9
NPs/PAs/CNMs	70.8
Nurses	120.7
Dentists	34.6
Dental Hygienists	27.0
Behavioral Health Specialists	41.8
Pharmacy	0.5
Enabling Services	93.7
Vision	1.2
Other Staff	753.6
Total Staff	1,220.7

	Health Center Percentage	RI Percentage	US Percentage
% at or below 100% poverty	67%	12%	14%
% at or below 200% poverty	88%	29%	32%
% Uninsured	12%	5%	9%
% Medicaid	57%	17%	20%
% Medicare	10%	13%	14%
% Racial/Ethnic Minority	52%	27%	39%

Selected Primary Diagnosis Type	Patient Visits
Chronic Conditions	130,656
Behavioral Health	152,425
Preventive Services	146,847