

## 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 VA, 2015

### Health Centers in VA

Number of Grantee Organizations	<b>26</b>
Number of Delivery Sites	<b>137</b>
Percent of Grantees with Patient Centered Medical Home Recognition	<b>73%</b>

### VA Health Center Patients

Total Patients	<b>286,168</b>
Percent Growth in Number of Patients Since 2010	<b>5%</b>
Percent of Patients Served by Rural Organizations	<b>56%</b>
Number of Migrant/Seasonal Farmworker Patients	<b>3,949</b>
Number of Homeless Patients	<b>7,998</b>
Number of Veterans Served	<b>6,437</b>

### VA Health Center Staff Provide a Comprehensive Range of Services

Staff Type	FTEs
Physicians	<b>129.2</b>
NPs/PAs/CNMs	<b>140.4</b>
Nurses	<b>334.3</b>
Dentists	<b>49.3</b>
Dental Hygienists	<b>17.8</b>
Behavioral Health Specialists	<b>71.2</b>
Pharmacy	<b>57.0</b>
Enabling Services	<b>244.0</b>
Vision	<b>0.0</b>
Other Staff	<b>1,077.8</b>
Total Staff	<b>2,120.9</b>

	Health Center Percentage	VA Percentage	US Percentage	Selected Primary Diagnosis Type	Patient Visits
% at or below 100% poverty	<b>58%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>14%</b>	Chronic Conditions	<b>380,108</b>
% at or below 200% poverty	<b>85%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>32%</b>	Behavioral Health	<b>235,291</b>
% Uninsured	<b>33%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>9%</b>	Preventive Services	<b>215,825</b>
% Medicaid	<b>25%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>20%</b>		
% Medicare	<b>16%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>14%</b>		
% Racial/Ethnic Minority	<b>50%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>39%</b>		