

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 WA, 2015

Health Centers in WA

Number of Grantee Organizations	28
Number of Delivery Sites	297
Percent of Grantees with Patient Centered Medical Home Recognition	81%

WA Health Center Patients

Total Patients	971,099
Percent Growth in Number of Patients Since 2010	29%
Percent of Patients Served by Rural Organizations	80%
Number of Migrant/Seasonal Farmworker Patients	103,874
Number of Homeless Patients	85,238
Number of Veterans Served	16,702

WA Health Center Staff Provide a Comprehensive Range of Services

Staff Type	FTEs
Physicians	409.3
NPs/PAs/CNMs	365.9
Nurses	387.0
Dentists	260.6
Dental Hygienists	89.6
Behavioral Health Specialists	421.1
Pharmacy	390.1
Enabling Services	736.9
Vision	14.9
Other Staff	5,288.6
Total Staff	8,364.2

	Health Center Percentage	WA Percentage	US Percentage	Selected Primary Diagnosis Type	Patient Visits
% at or below 100% poverty	65%	11%	14%	Chronic Conditions	598,285
% at or below 200% poverty	92%	27%	32%	Behavioral Health	794,177
% Uninsured	19%	7%	9%	Preventive Services	1,112,231
% Medicaid	59%	22%	20%		
% Medicare	8%	14%	14%		
% Racial/Ethnic Minority	56%	30%	39%		