

What are Community 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 also:

- Serve as the health care home for more than **28 million patients** in over **11,000 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 **over 220,000 people** and **generate at least \$54.6 billion in total economic activity** in some of the nation's most distressed communities;
- Provide care to **1.4 million homeless patients** and more than **350,000 veterans**.

Health Centers in Alabama, 2017

Health Centers in AL

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| # of Grantee Organizations | 15 |
| # of Delivery Sites | 144 |
| % Grantees with PCMH Recognition | 80% |
| % Grantees w/ Staff Authorized to Prescribe Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder | 33% |
| % of Grantees Utilizing Telehealth | 60% |

AL Health Center Patients

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|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Children Served | 83,110 |
| Homeless Patients Served | 18,115 |
| Veterans Served | 3,232 |
| Growth in Patients since 2010 | 3% |
| Total Patients | 319,327 |

| | <u>AL Health Center Patients</u> | <u>AL Residents</u> | <u>US Residents</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| % at or Below 100% Poverty | 83% | 17% | 13% |
| % at or Below 200% Poverty | 96% | 37% | 31% |
| % Racial/Ethnic Minority | 59% | 35% | 39% |
| % Uninsured | 46% | 11% | 9% |
| % Medicare | 9% | 19% | 17% |
| % Medicaid | 28% | 18% | 17% |

AL Health Center Staff Provide a Comprehensive Range of Services

| | <u>FTEs</u> |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Physicians | 139 |
| NPs/PAs/CNMs | 151 |
| Nurses | 228 |
| Dentists | 35 |
| Dental Hygienists | 23 |
| Behavioral Health Specialists | 30 |
| Pharmacy | 33 |
| Enabling Services | 143 |
| Vision | 13 |
| Other Staff | 663 |
| Total Staff | 1,852 |

| | <u>Patient Visits</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Chronic Conditions | 325,588 |
| Behavioral Health | 129,782 |
| Preventive Services | 224,934 |
| Dental Services | 115,002 |
| Total Visits | 1,085,627 |

*Did you know that health centers in Alabama are economic drivers? **Every \$1 in federal investments generates \$2.34 in economic activity** across Alabama. In total, health centers in Alabama **deliver \$361.6 million in economic activity**.*

* Notes: Dual eligible beneficiaries enrolled in both Medicare and Medicaid are only included in Medicare estimates. "Federal investments" refer solely to Health Center Program Section 330 grants. Sources: 2017 Uniform Data System, BPHC, HRSA, DHHS. US Census Bureau. Leavitt Partners in collaboration with NACHC. Detailed sources are available at <http://www.nachc.org/research-and-data/state-level-data-maps/>.