



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 Colorado, 2017

Health Centers in CO

# of Grantee Organizations	20
# of Delivery Sites	213
% Grantees with PCMH Recognition	95%
% Grantees w/ Staff Authorized to Prescribe Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder	40%
% of Grantees Utilizing Telehealth	60%

CO Health Center Patients

Children Served	213,131
Homeless Patients Served	34,738
Veterans Served	9,164
Growth in Patients since 2010	37%
Total Patients	625,755

	<u>CO Health Center Patients</u>	<u>CO Residents</u>	<u>US Residents</u>
% at or Below 100% Poverty	70%	10%	13%
% at or Below 200% Poverty	93%	26%	31%
% Racial/Ethnic Minority	67%	32%	39%
% Uninsured	21%	9%	9%
% Medicare	8%	14%	17%
% Medicaid	55%	16%	17%

CO Health Center Staff Provide a Comprehensive Range of Services

	<u>FTEs</u>
Physicians	313
NPs/PAs/CNMs	383
Nurses	338
Dentists	114
Dental Hygienists	100
Behavioral Health Specialists	237
Pharmacy	216
Enabling Services	693
Vision	4
Other Staff	1,706
Total Staff	5,603

	<u>Patient Visits</u>
Chronic Conditions	407,890
Behavioral Health	430,191
Preventive Services	654,054
Dental Services	366,752
Total Visits	2,609,097

*Did you know that health centers in Colorado are economic drivers? **Every \$1 in federal investments generates \$5.85 in economic activity** across Colorado. In total, health centers in Colorado **deliver \$1.38 billion 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/>.