

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 Georgia, 2017

Health Centers in GA

# of Grantee Organizations	35
# of Delivery Sites	246
% Grantees with PCMH Recognition	77%
% Grantees w/ Staff Authorized to Prescribe Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder	17%
% of Grantees Utilizing Telehealth	57%

GA Health Center Patients

Children Served	115,407
Homeless Patients Served	17,122
Veterans Served	5,400
Growth in Patients since 2010	58%
Total Patients	494,464

	<u>GA Health Center Patients</u>	<u>GA Residents</u>	<u>US Residents</u>
% at or Below 100% Poverty	65%	15%	13%
% at or Below 200% Poverty	84%	35%	31%
% Racial/Ethnic Minority	67%	47%	39%
% Uninsured	38%	13%	9%
% Medicare	12%	15%	17%
% Medicaid	27%	15%	17%

GA Health Center Staff Provide a Comprehensive Range of Services

	<u>FTEs</u>
Physicians	201
NPs/PAs/CNMs	283
Nurses	314
Dentists	43
Dental Hygienists	30
Behavioral Health Specialists	80
Pharmacy	66
Enabling Services	271
Vision	10
Other Staff	1,078
Total Staff	3,053

	<u>Patient Visits</u>
Chronic Conditions	671,822
Behavioral Health	276,814
Preventive Services	329,929
Dental Services	117,964
Total Visits	1,571,019

*Did you know that health centers in Georgia are economic drivers? **Every \$1 in federal investments generates \$2.94 in economic activity** across Georgia. In total, health centers in Georgia **deliver \$758.8 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/>.