

## 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 **29 million patients** in over **12,000 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 235,000 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 **385,000 veterans**.

## Health Centers in Alaska, 2018

### Health Centers in AK

# of Grantee Organizations	27
# of Delivery Sites	193
% Rural Grantees	96%
% Grantees w/ Staff Authorized to Prescribe Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder	48%
% of Grantees Utilizing Telehealth	78%

### AK Health Center Patients

Children Served	30,444
Homeless Patients Served	1,767
Veterans Served	6,222
Growth in Patients since 2010	28%
<b>Total Patients</b>	<b>112,737</b>

	<u>AK</u> <u>Health Center</u> <u>Patients</u>	<u>AK</u> <u>Residents</u>	<u>U.S.</u> <u>Residents</u>
% at or Below 100% Poverty	47%	11%	13%
% at or Below 200% Poverty	82%	25%	30%
% Racial/Ethnic Minority	59%	40%	40%
% Uninsured	19%	13%	9%
% Medicaid	38%	16%	15%
% Medicare	11%	13%	18%
% Private	31%	63%	68%

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

	<u>FTEs</u>
Physicians	63
NPs/PAs/CNMs	139
Nurses	86
Dentists	34
Dental Hygienists	16
Behavioral Health Specialists	196
Pharmacy	60
Enabling Services	178
Vision	19
Other Staff	886
<b>Total Staff</b>	<b>2,301</b>

	<u>Patient Visits</u>
Chronic Conditions	101,743
Behavioral Health	117,214
Preventive Services	104,528
Dental Services	96,796
<b>Total Visits</b>	<b>555,443</b>

*Did you know that health centers in Alaska are economic drivers? **Every \$1 in federal investments generates \$4.95 in economic activity** across Alaska. In total, health centers in Alaska **deliver \$583.4 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:** 2018 Uniform Data System, BPHC, HRSA, DHHS. 2018 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau. Leavitt Partners in collaboration with NACHC. Detailed sources are available at <http://www.nachc.org/research-and-data/state-level-data-maps/>.