

## 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 Colorado, 2018

### Health Centers in CO

# of Grantee Organizations	20
# of Delivery Sites	215
% Rural Grantees	45%
% Grantees w/ Staff Authorized to Prescribe Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder	75%
% of Grantees Utilizing Telehealth	50%

### CO Health Center Patients

Children Served	215,747
Homeless Patients Served	31,625
Veterans Served	9,731
Growth in Patients since 2010	41%
<b>Total Patients</b>	<b>643,836</b>

	<u>CO</u> <u>Health Center</u> <u>Patients</u>	<u>CO</u> <u>Residents</u>	<u>U.S.</u> <u>Residents</u>
% at or Below 100% Poverty	69%	10%	13%
% at or Below 200% Poverty	92%	25%	30%
% Racial/Ethnic Minority	66%	32%	40%
% Uninsured	23%	8%	9%
% Medicaid	52%	14%	15%
% Medicare	8%	15%	18%
% Private	14%	70%	68%

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

	<u>FTEs</u>
Physicians	343
NPs/PAs/CNMs	398
Nurses	343
Dentists	120
Dental Hygienists	109
Behavioral Health Specialists	251
Pharmacy	216
Enabling Services	738
Vision	4
Other Staff	1,876
<b>Total Staff</b>	<b>5,869</b>

	<u>Patient Visits</u>
Chronic Conditions	648,998
Behavioral Health	465,524
Preventive Services	679,418
Dental Services	373,870
<b>Total Visits</b>	<b>2,699,442</b>

*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: 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/>.