

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 nearly **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 **253,000 people** and **generate more than \$63.4 billion in total economic activity** in some of the nation's most distressed communities;
- Provide care to **1.3 million homeless patients** and **375,000 veterans**.

Health Centers in Colorado, 2020

Health Centers in CO

# of Grantee Organizations	19
# of Delivery Sites	235
% Rural Grantees	47%
% Grantees w/ Staff Authorized to Prescribe Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder	100%
% of Grantees Utilizing Telehealth	100%

CO Health Center Patients

Children Served	182,643
Homeless Patients Served	28,429
Veterans Served	8,405
Growth in Patients since 2010	40%
Total Patients	641,375

	<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	66%	9%	12%
% at or Below 200% Poverty	92%	23%	29%
% Racial/Ethnic Minority	66%	32%	40%
% Uninsured	24%	8%	9%
% Medicaid	50%	13%	15%
% Medicare	9%	16%	18%
% Private	15%	71%	67%

CO Health Center Staff Provide a Comprehensive Range of Services

	<u>FTEs</u>
Physicians	345
NPs/PAs/CNMs	416
Nurses	309
Dental Staff	494
Pharmacy	213
Behavioral Health Specialists	296
Enabling Services	762
Vision Services Staff	7
Other Staff	3,001
Total Staff	5,842

	<u>Patient Visits</u>
Coronavirus	27,963
Chronic Conditions	682,814
Behavioral Health	606,260
Preventive Services	611,610
Dental Services	301,037

*Did you know that health centers in Colorado are economic drivers? **Every \$1 in federal investments generates \$6.35 in economic activity** across Colorado. In total, health centers in Colorado **deliver \$1,508,451,328 in economic activity**.*