

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 Maine, 2020

Health Centers in ME

# of Grantee Organizations	18
# of Delivery Sites	166
% Rural Grantees	89%
% Grantees w/ Staff Authorized to Prescribe Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder	89%
% of Grantees Utilizing Telehealth	100%

ME Health Center Patients

Children Served	35,639
Homeless Patients Served	5,734
Veterans Served	10,472
Growth in Patients since 2010	4%
Total Patients	181,532

	<u>ME</u> <u>Health Center</u> <u>Patients</u>	<u>ME</u> <u>Residents</u>	<u>U.S.</u> <u>Residents</u>
% at or Below 100% Poverty	38%	11%	12%
% at or Below 200% Poverty	70%	28%	29%
% Racial/Ethnic Minority	8%	7%	40%
% Uninsured	15%	8%	9%
% Medicaid	24%	11%	15%
% Medicare	23%	24%	18%
% Private	39%	69%	67%

ME Health Center Staff Provide a Comprehensive Range of Services

	<u>FTEs</u>
Physicians	82
NPs/PAs/CNMs	166
Nurses	52
Dental Staff	127
Pharmacy	48
Behavioral Health Specialists	129
Enabling Services	130
Vision Services Staff	9
Other Staff	1,208
Total Staff	1,951

	<u>Patient Visits</u>
Coronavirus	1,072
Chronic Conditions	259,167
Behavioral Health	412,412
Preventive Services	120,810
Dental Services	80,665

*Did you know that health centers in Maine are economic drivers? **Every \$1 in federal investments generates \$4.88 in economic activity** across Maine. In total, health centers in Maine **deliver \$425,889,696 in economic activity**.*