

## 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 Maryland, 2020

### Health Centers in MD

# of Grantee Organizations	17
# of Delivery Sites	136
% Rural Grantees	47%
% Grantees w/ Staff Authorized to Prescribe Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder	82%
% of Grantees Utilizing Telehealth	100%

### MD Health Center Patients

Children Served	80,118
Homeless Patients Served	12,312
Veterans Served	4,165
Growth in Patients since 2010	17%
<b>Total Patients</b>	<b>310,137</b>

	<u>MD</u> <u>Health Center</u> <u>Patients</u>	<u>MD</u> <u>Residents</u>	<u>U.S.</u> <u>Residents</u>
% at or Below 100% Poverty	68%	9%	12%
% at or Below 200% Poverty	88%	21%	29%
% Racial/Ethnic Minority	67%	50%	40%
% Uninsured	20%	6%	9%
% Medicaid	46%	14%	15%
% Medicare	10%	17%	18%
% Private	23%	74%	67%

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

	<u>FTEs</u>
Physicians	153
NPs/PAs/CNMs	188
Nurses	221
Dental Staff	150
Pharmacy	77
Behavioral Health Specialists	253
Enabling Services	318
Vision Services Staff	
Other Staff	1,623
<b>Total Staff</b>	<b>2,983</b>

	<u>Patient Visits</u>
Coronavirus	6,946
Chronic Conditions	418,361
Behavioral Health	522,971
Preventive Services	449,197
Dental Services	79,172

*Did you know that health centers in Maryland are economic drivers? **Every \$1 in federal investments generates \$7.23 in economic activity** across Maryland. In total, health centers in Maryland **deliver \$787,626,112 in economic activity**.*