

## 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 Rhode Island, 2020

### Health Centers in RI

# of Grantee Organizations	8
# of Delivery Sites	57
% Rural Grantees	13%
% Grantees w/ Staff Authorized to Prescribe Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder	100%
% of Grantees Utilizing Telehealth	100%

### RI Health Center Patients

Children Served	45,237
Homeless Patients Served	5,587
Veterans Served	2,029
Growth in Patients since 2010	47%
<b>Total Patients</b>	<b>179,301</b>

	<u>RI</u> <u>Health Center</u> <u>Patients</u>	<u>RI</u> <u>Residents</u>	<u>U.S.</u> <u>Residents</u>
% at or Below 100% Poverty	64%	11%	12%
% at or Below 200% Poverty	91%	24%	29%
% Racial/Ethnic Minority	57%	29%	40%
% Uninsured	12%	4%	9%
% Medicaid	53%	13%	15%
% Medicare	12%	20%	18%
% Private	23%	73%	67%

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

	<u>FTEs</u>
Physicians	96
NPs/PAs/CNMs	114
Nurses	177
Dental Staff	173
Pharmacy	8
Behavioral Health Specialists	145
Enabling Services	138
Vision Services Staff	13
Other Staff	946
<b>Total Staff</b>	<b>1,811</b>

	<u>Patient Visits</u>
Coronavirus	34,595
Chronic Conditions	299,680
Behavioral Health	340,139
Preventive Services	191,546
Dental Services	101,032

*Did you know that health centers in Rhode Island are economic drivers? **Every \$1 in federal investments generates \$8.01 in economic activity** across Rhode Island. In total, health centers in Rhode Island **deliver \$416,240,160 in economic activity.***