

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 South Carolina, 2020

Health Centers in SC

# of Grantee Organizations	23
# of Delivery Sites	226
% Rural Grantees	48%
% Grantees w/ Staff Authorized to Prescribe Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder	78%
% of Grantees Utilizing Telehealth	100%

SC Health Center Patients

Children Served	98,696
Homeless Patients Served	8,006
Veterans Served	7,284
Growth in Patients since 2010	36%
Total Patients	423,504

	<u>SC</u> <u>Health Center</u> <u>Patients</u>	<u>SC</u> <u>Residents</u>	<u>U.S.</u> <u>Residents</u>
% at or Below 100% Poverty	70%	14%	12%
% at or Below 200% Poverty	90%	33%	29%
% Racial/Ethnic Minority	66%	36%	40%
% Uninsured	26%	11%	9%
% Medicaid	33%	13%	15%
% Medicare	17%	21%	18%
% Private	24%	66%	67%

SC Health Center Staff Provide a Comprehensive Range of Services

	<u>FTEs</u>
Physicians	207
NPs/PAs/CNMs	266
Nurses	465
Dental Staff	128
Pharmacy	293
Behavioral Health Specialists	138
Enabling Services	378
Vision Services Staff	4
Other Staff	2,241
Total Staff	4,118

	<u>Patient Visits</u>
Coronavirus	8,512
Chronic Conditions	1,217,249
Behavioral Health	410,912
Preventive Services	428,441
Dental Services	70,972

*Did you know that health centers in South Carolina are economic drivers? **Every \$1 in federal investments generates \$5.86 in economic activity** across South Carolina. In total, health centers in South Carolina **deliver \$1,026,731,008 in economic activity**.*