

## 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 Tennessee, 2020

### Health Centers in TN

# of Grantee Organizations	29
# of Delivery Sites	229
% Rural Grantees	52%
% Grantees w/ Staff Authorized to Prescribe Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder	38%
% of Grantees Utilizing Telehealth	97%

### TN Health Center Patients

Children Served	88,056
Homeless Patients Served	22,041
Veterans Served	6,194
Growth in Patients since 2010	11%
<b>Total Patients</b>	<b>415,720</b>

	<u>TN</u> <u>Health Center</u> <u>Patients</u>	<u>TN</u> <u>Residents</u>	<u>U.S.</u> <u>Residents</u>
% at or Below 100% Poverty	72%	14%	12%
% at or Below 200% Poverty	93%	33%	29%
% Racial/Ethnic Minority	42%	27%	40%
% Uninsured	33%	10%	9%
% Medicaid	31%	14%	15%
% Medicare	13%	19%	18%
% Private	21%	66%	67%

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

	<u>FTEs</u>
Physicians	160
NPs/PAs/CNMs	290
Nurses	456
Dental Staff	130
Pharmacy	94
Behavioral Health Specialists	236
Enabling Services	298
Vision Services Staff	1
Other Staff	1,484
<b>Total Staff</b>	<b>3,148</b>

	<u>Patient Visits</u>
Coronavirus	14,670
Chronic Conditions	947,495
Behavioral Health	694,892
Preventive Services	354,413
Dental Services	56,105

*Did you know that health centers in Tennessee are economic drivers? **Every \$1 in federal investments generates \$3.51 in economic activity** across Tennessee. In total, health centers in Tennessee **deliver \$657,102,464 in economic activity**.*