

## 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 Virginia, 2020

### Health Centers in VA

# of Grantee Organizations	26
# of Delivery Sites	185
% Rural Grantees	58%
% Grantees w/ Staff Authorized to Prescribe Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder	58%
% of Grantees Utilizing Telehealth	100%

### VA Health Center Patients

Children Served	76,228
Homeless Patients Served	8,956
Veterans Served	8,295
Growth in Patients since 2010	32%
<b>Total Patients</b>	<b>361,647</b>

	<u>VA</u> <u>Health Center</u> <u>Patients</u>	<u>VA</u> <u>Residents</u>	<u>U.S.</u> <u>Residents</u>
% at or Below 100% Poverty	57%	10%	12%
% at or Below 200% Poverty	90%	24%	29%
% Racial/Ethnic Minority	53%	39%	40%
% Uninsured	24%	8%	9%
% Medicaid	33%	10%	15%
% Medicare	16%	18%	18%
% Private	27%	75%	67%

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

	<u>FTEs</u>
Physicians	158
NPs/PAs/CNMs	220
Nurses	418
Dental Staff	242
Pharmacy	112
Behavioral Health Specialists	158
Enabling Services	291
Vision Services Staff	1
Other Staff	1,594
<b>Total Staff</b>	<b>3,196</b>

	<u>Patient Visits</u>
Coronavirus	13,359
Chronic Conditions	540,321
Behavioral Health	374,622
Preventive Services	351,554
Dental Services	132,427

*Did you know that health centers in Virginia are economic drivers? **Every \$1 in federal investments generates \$3.77 in economic activity** across Virginia. In total, health centers in Virginia **deliver \$635,447,872 in economic activity**.*