What are Community Health Centers?

Community Health Centers deliver high-quality, affordable care to patients and reduce costs for America’s healthcare system. Health centers are consumer-governed and patient-centered health care organizations that provide cost-effective primary care in medically underserved communities. Health centers provide care to all patients regardless of income and insurance status by offering services on a sliding-fee scale. Health centers improve access to primary care and integrated specialty services such as preventive, behavioral, substance use treatment, oral, vision and pharmacy services. Additionally, health centers offer a host of ancillary services to support patients’ needs around food insecurity, housing, transportation, language access, and other social drivers of health. Health centers...

- Serve as the health care home for over 30 million patients in over 14,000 communities across the country
- Reduce health care costs, saving an average of 24% per Medicaid patient compared to other providers
- Integrate medical, specialty and social services such as mental health, substance use treatment, oral health, case management, translation services, transportation, and employment services
- Create 270,000 jobs and generate an estimated $84.8 billion in total economic activity in local communities
- Provide care to 389,000 veterans, 1.3 million patients experiencing homelessness, 3.3 million adults over age 65, and 1 in 8 children

Health Centers in Puerto Rico

**PR Health Centers**

- Total Grantees: 21
- Service Delivery Sites: 129
- % Rural: 52%
- % with MAT Services: 71%
- % Utilizing Telehealth: 100%

**PR Patients**

- Children: 96,879
- Older adults: 59,123
- Patients experiencing homelessness: 8,646
- Veterans: 1,383
- Agricultural workers: 6,713
- Racial/ethnic minority: 373,169
- Total patients: 413,219

**PR Services and Staff**

- Physicians: 487
- NPs/PAs/CNMs: 9
- Nurses: 961
- Behavioral Health Specialists: 191
- Pharmacy: 358
- Dental: 120
- Vision: 10
- Enabling Services: 349
- Other: 46
- Total FTEs*: 4,546

**US Health Center Economic Impact**

Health centers in US created **508,412 jobs** and generated **$84,795,916,439 in total economic activity** in 2021.