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 **285,000 jobs** and generate an estimated **$85 billion in total economic activity** in local communities
- Provide care to **400,000 veterans**, **1.4 million** patients experiencing homelessness, **3.6 million** adults over age 65, and **8.8 million children**

Health Centers in Pennsylvania

PA Health Centers

Total Grantees	42
Service Delivery Sites	377
% Rural	29%
% with MAT Services	81%
% Utilizing Telehealth	100%

PA Staff

Physicians	327
NPs/PAs/CNMs	438
Nurses	506
Behavioral Health Specialists	435
Pharmacy	61
Dental	541
Vision	12
Enabling Services	473
Other	70
Total FTEs*	6,495

PA Patients

Children	227,117
Older adults	110,904
Patients experiencing homelessness	23,329
Veterans	14,926
Agricultural workers	12,791
Racial/ethnic minority	317,264
Total patients	816,444

	Health Center Population	State Population
Income < 100% FPL	38%	12%
Income < 200% FPL	17%	14%
Uninsured	13%	5%
Medicaid	47%	22%
Medicare	14%	17%
Dually Eligible	5%	
Private Insurance	24%	56%

PA Health Center Economic Impact

Health centers in PA created **13,717 jobs** and generated **$ 2,358,238,606 in total economic activity** in 2021.