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, patient-centered health care organizations that provide cost-effective primary care in medically underserved communities. Health centers ensure access to patients regardless of income and insurance status by offering services on a sliding-fee scale. Health centers improve access to primary care as well as 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 determinants of health. **Health centers…**

- Serve as the health care home for nearly **32.5 million patients** in over **16,000 communities** across the country
- **Integrate medical, specialty and social services** such as mental health, substance use treatment, oral health, case management, translation services, transportation, and employment services
- Reduce health care costs, **saving** an average of **24% per Medicaid patient** compared to other providers
- Create **340,000 jobs** and generate an estimated **$118.4 billion in total economic impact** in local communities
- Provide care to **419,000 veterans**, **1.4 million** patients experiencing homelessness, **3.8 million** adults over age 65, and **1 in 9 children.**

Health Centers in Maine

ME Health Centers

Total Health Centers	19
Service Delivery Sites	190
% Rural	89%
% with MOUD Services	84%
% Utilizing Telehealth	100%

ME Services and Staff

Physicians	76
NPs/PAs/CNMs	194
Nurses	83
Behavioral Health Specialists	181
Pharmacy	56
Dental	134
Vision	15
Enabling Services	164
Other	27
Total FTEs*	2,312

ME Patients

Children	44,726
Older adults	52,382
Patients experiencing homelessness	8,532
Veterans	10,950
Agricultural workers	2,651
Total patients	216,736

	Health Center Population	State Population
Below Poverty Level	22%	10%
Uninsured	8%	6%
Medicaid	31%	21%
Medicare	25%	25%
Dually Eligible	8%	
Private Insurance	36%	68%