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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

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Health Centers in Missouri

MO Health Centers		MO Patients		
Total Grantees	28	Children		217,113
Service Delivery Sites	363	Older adults		57,134
% Rural	68%	Patients experiencing homelessness		20,976
% with MAT Services	79%	Veterans		12,583
% Utilizing Telehealth	100%	Agricultural workers		1,361
		Racial/ethnic minority		192,498
MO Services and Staff		Total patients		616,605
Physicians	182			
NPs/PAs/CNMs	261		Health Center	State
Nurses	428		Population	Population
Behavioral Health Specialists	692	Income < 100% FPL	68%	19%
Pharmacy	83	Income 101-200% FPL	26%	20%
Dental	784	Uninsured	23%	9%
Vision	10	Medicaid	45%	15%
Enabling Services	535	Medicare	9%	16%
Other	20	Dually Eligible	4%	
Total FTEs*	5,606	Private Insurance	23%	58%

MO Health Center Economic Impact

Health centers in MO created 10,323 jobs and generated \$1,736,169,961 in total economic activity in 2021.