

WHAT ARE 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 more than **27 million patients** in over **10,000 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 **over 200,000 people** and **generate over \$45 billion in total economic activity** in some of the nation's most distressed communities;
- Serve on the front lines of **public health crises and natural disasters**; and
- Provide care to **1.3 million homeless patients** and more than **330,000 veterans**.

Health Centers in VT, 2016

Health Centers in VT

Number of Grantee Organizations	11
Number of Delivery Sites	66

VT Health Center Patients

Total Patients	171,828
Growth in Patients since 2010	52%
Migrant/Seasonal Agricultural Worker Patients Served	730
Homeless Patients Served	2,220
Veterans Served	7,159

	<u>VT Health Center Patients</u>	<u>VT Residents</u>	<u>US Residents</u>
% at or Below 100% Poverty	32%	12%	14%
% at or Below 200% Poverty	63%	27%	32%
% Uninsured	8%	5%	9%
% Medicaid	29%	20%	19%
% Medicare	22%	16%	14%
% Racial/Ethnic Minority	6%	7%	39%

VT Health Center Staff Provide a Comprehensive Range of Services

	<u>FTEs</u>
Physicians	105.5
NPs/PAs/CNMs	90.6
Nurses	185.3
Dentists	25.1
Dental Hygienists	31.8
Behavioral Health Specialists	78.7
Pharmacy	7.6
Enabling Services	66.2
Vision	5.3
Other Staff	481.8
Total Staff	1,294.3

	<u>Patient Visits</u>
Chronic Conditions	160,956
Behavioral Health	191,287
Preventive Services	155,100

VT Health Center Quality & Accessibility

Percent of Grantees with Patient Centered Medical Home Recognition	82%
Percent of Grantees with a Physician Authorized to Prescribe FDA-Approved Medication for Opioid Use Disorder	82%
Percent of Grantees using Telehealth	45%

Sources: 2016 Uniform Data System. Bureau of Primary Health Care. HRSA, DHHS, Kaiser Family Foundation. Health Insurance Coverage of the Total Population. 2016. US Census Bureau. 2016 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, Tables B17002 and B03002.