

## 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 AK, 2016

### Health Centers in AK

Number of Grantee Organizations	28
Number of Delivery Sites	183

### AK Health Center Patients

Total Patients	113,027
Growth in Patients since 2010	29%
Migrant/Seasonal Agricultural Worker Patients Served	268
Homeless Patients Served	2,354
Veterans Served	3,953

	<u>AK Health Center Patients</u>	<u>AK Residents</u>	<u>US Residents</u>
% at or Below 100% Poverty	44%	10%	14%
% at or Below 200% Poverty	79%	25%	32%
% Uninsured	25%	14%	9%
% Medicaid	33%	20%	19%
% Medicare	9%	10%	14%
% Racial/Ethnic Minority	60%	39%	39%

### AK Health Center Quality & Accessibility

Percent of Grantees with Patient Centered Medical Home Recognition	48%
Percent of Grantees with a Physician Authorized to Prescribe FDA-Approved Medication for Opioid Use Disorder	25%
Percent of Grantees using Telehealth	79%

### AK Health Center Staff Provide a Comprehensive Range of Services

	<u>FTEs</u>
Physicians	61.3
NPs/PAs/CNMs	139.7
Nurses	80.1
Dentists	35.5
Dental Hygienists	13.4
Behavioral Health Specialists	178.5
Pharmacy	61.6
Enabling Services	194.7
Vision	14.9
Other Staff	823.5
Total Staff	2,224.9

	<u>Patient Visits</u>
Chronic Conditions	74,096
Behavioral Health	99,499
Preventive Services	99,240