

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 AL, 2016

Health Centers in AL

Number of Grantee Organizations	14
Number of Delivery Sites	128

AL Health Center Patients

Total Patients	347,694
Growth in Patients since 2010	12%
Migrant/Seasonal Agricultural Worker Patients Served	12,682
Homeless Patients Served	15,105
Veterans Served	3,551

	<u>AL Health Center Patients</u>	<u>AL Residents</u>	<u>US Residents</u>
% at or Below 100% Poverty	83%	17%	14%
% at or Below 200% Poverty	95%	37%	32%
% Uninsured	44%	9%	9%
% Medicaid	26%	21%	19%
% Medicare	12%	16%	14%
% Racial/Ethnic Minority	56%	34%	39%

AL Health Center Quality & Accessibility

Percent of Grantees with Patient Centered Medical Home Recognition	80%
Percent of Grantees using Telehealth	50%

AL Health Center Staff Provide a Comprehensive Range of Services

	<u>FTEs</u>
Physicians	137.5
NPs/PAs/CNMs	137.9
Nurses	226.9
Dentists	32.7
Dental Hygienists	19.3
Behavioral Health Specialists	26.3
Pharmacy	32.0
Enabling Services	155.7
Vision	10.5
Other Staff	647.1
Total Staff	1,797.4

	<u>Patient Visits</u>
Chronic Conditions	340,925
Behavioral Health	133,444
Preventive Services	225,583