

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 MS, 2016

Health Centers in MS

Number of Grantee Organizations	21
Number of Delivery Sites	203

MS Health Center Patients

Total Patients	295,052
Migrant/Seasonal Agricultural Worker Patients Served	925
Homeless Patients Served	8,142
Veterans Served	3,459

	<u>MS Health Center Patients</u>	<u>MS Residents</u>	<u>US Residents</u>
% at or Below 100% Poverty	69%	21%	14%
% at or Below 200% Poverty	91%	43%	32%
% Uninsured	35%	12%	9%
% Medicaid	31%	24%	19%
% Medicare	11%	14%	14%
% Racial/Ethnic Minority	69%	43%	39%

MS Health Center Quality & Accessibility

Percent of Grantees with Patient Centered Medical Home Recognition	50%
Percent of Grantees using Telehealth	19%

MS Health Center Staff Provide a Comprehensive Range of Services

	<u>FTEs</u>
Physicians	92.4
NPs/PAs/CNMs	170.3
Nurses	288.7
Dentists	36.4
Dental Hygienists	14.7
Behavioral Health Specialists	22.7
Pharmacy	29.7
Enabling Services	149.9
Vision	8.7
Other Staff	683.0
Total Staff	1,819.8

	<u>Patient Visits</u>
Chronic Conditions	357,676
Behavioral Health	95,382
Preventive Services	181,048