

### What are Community Health Centers?

Community, Migrant, and Homeless Health Centers are **non-profit, community-directed providers** that remove common barriers to care by serving communities who otherwise confront financial, geographic, language, cultural and other barriers. Also known as Federally-Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), they:

- are **located in high-need areas** identified as having elevated poverty, higher than average infant mortality, and where few physicians practice;
- are **open to all residents**, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay;
- **tailor services** to fit the special needs and priorities of their communities, and provide services in a linguistically and culturally appropriate manner;
- provide **comprehensive primary and other health care services**, including services that **help their patients access care**, such as transportation, translation, and case management;
- **provide high quality care**, reducing health disparities and improving patient outcomes;<sup>1</sup>
- are **cost effective**, reducing costly emergency, hospital, and specialty care, and **saving the health care system between \$9.9 to \$17.6 billion a year nationally.**<sup>2</sup>

### Kansas Federally-Supported Health Centers

Number of Organizations	11
Number of Delivery Sites	37
Total Patients	90,762
Number Migrant/Seasonal Farmworker Patients	4,111
Number Homeless Patients	2,642

	Health Center Population	State Population <sup>3</sup>	US Population <sup>3</sup>
Percent <b>at or Below 100% of Poverty</b> , 2007	66%	15%	17%
Percent <b>Under 200% of Poverty</b> , 2007	91%	33%	36%
Percent <b>Uninsured</b> , 2007	56%	13%	12%
Percent <b>Medicaid</b> , 2007	25%	12%	13%
Percent <b>Medicare</b> , 2007	5%	13%	15%
Percent <b>Hispanic/Latino</b> , 2007*	27%	9%	15%
Percent <b>African American</b> , 2007*	16%	6%	13%
Percent <b>Asian/Pacific Islander</b> , 2007*	2%	2%	5%
Percent <b>American Indian/Alaska Native</b> , 2007*	3%	1%	1%
Percent <b>White</b> (Including Hispanic/Latino), 2007*	78%	89%	80%
Percent <b>Rural</b> , 2007	56%	36%	16%

\* May not sum to 100% due to rounding and non-inclusion of two or more races. 0% may indicate <0.5%. Health center racial and ethnic population data may vary from last year due to changes in reporting.

### Percent of Vulnerable Kansas Residents Served by Federally-Supported Health Centers<sup>4</sup>

Percent of <b>Low Income, Uninsured</b> , 2007	24%
Percent of <b>Medicaid Beneficiaries</b> , 2005	5%
Percent of <b>Population at or Below 100% of Poverty</b> , 2007	15%

### Economic Benefits of Kansas Federally-Supported Health Centers

Wasted Expenditures on <b>Avoidable Emergency Department Visits</b> , 2006 <sup>5</sup>	\$159,038,693
<b>Economic Benefits Generated</b> for Local Communities, 2006 <sup>2</sup>	\$35,089,879

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Data for federally-funded health centers only and may therefore underreport the true volume of care. See note below.

## Health Center Staff and Related Patient Visits

	FTE*	Patient Visits
Primary Care Physicians	25.2	83,776
NPs/PAs/CNMs	37.3	110,455
Nurses	63.1	14,270
Dentists	8.0	29,417
Dental Hygienists	9.4	12,176
Behavioral Health Specialists <sup>#</sup>	18.9	21,808
Pharmacy	3.2	N/A
Total Enabling Services <sup>†</sup>	71.1	32,953
Other Staff	267.8	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>504.1</b>	<b>306,892</b>

\* Full-time equivalent.

<sup>#</sup> Includes psychiatrists, psychologists, and licensed or credentialed behavioral health providers.

<sup>†</sup> Includes outreach workers, health educators, case managers, translators, transportation, eligibility assistance workers, and child care workers. Not all staff have related patient visits.

## Patient Visits and Patients by Selected Primary Diagnoses and Services

	Patient Visits	Patients
<i>Medical Conditions</i>		
Hypertension	16,125	6,973
Diabetes mellitus	24,505	5,451
Heart Disease (Selected)	1,416	642
Asthma	2,170	1,432
Depression & Other Mood Disorders	11,196	3,851
All Mental Health & Substance Abuse	27,756	N/A
<i>Preventive Services</i>		
Health Supervision Ages 0-11*	11,928	8,154
Selected Immunizations <sup>#</sup>	11,792	7,469
Oral Dental Exams	14,630	9,379
Pap Test	9,399	8,087
Mammogram	1,216	1,129
HIV Test	1,572	1,518

\* Well child visits. <sup>#</sup> Includes DPT, MMR, polio, influenza, hepatitis A & B, HiB, etc.

## Percent of Health Centers Providing Select Services Onsite\*

<i>Professional Services</i>	
General Primary Medical Care	91%
Prenatal Care	55%
Preventive Dental Care	73%
Mental Health Treatment/Counseling	82%
Substance Abuse Treatment & Counseling	55%
Hearing Screening	73%
Vision Screening	82%
Pharmacy	27%
<i>Preventive Services</i>	
Smoking Cessation Program	55%
HIV Testing And Counseling	91%
Glycosylated Hemoglobin Measurement, Diabetes	73%
Blood Pressure Monitoring	91%
Blood Cholesterol Screening	73%
Weight Reduction Program	73%
<i>Enabling Services</i>	
Case Management	100%
Eligibility Assistance	91%
Health Education	100%
Interpretation/Translation Services	100%
Transportation	45%
Out stationed Eligibility Workers	36%

\* "Onsite" includes services rendered by employees, contracted providers, volunteers and others who render services in the health center's name. Health centers may also provide services through formal referral arrangements.

## Health Center Costs of Care

Average Cost per Patient	Cost
Medical Costs per Medical Patient*	\$226
Dental Costs per Dental Patient	\$246
Total Cost per Total Patient <sup>#</sup>	\$351
<i>Average Cost per Patient Visit</i>	
Medical Cost per Medical Patient Visit	\$87
Dental Costs per Dental Patient Visit	\$116

\* Excludes lab and x-ray as in previous years.

<sup>#</sup> Includes the total cost of all services over total users.

### Sources and Notes

Unless otherwise specified, this fact sheet is based on Bureau of Primary Health Care, HRSA, DHHS, 2007 Uniform Data System (UDS). It includes data from Federally-Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) that receive federal health center grants and are therefore required to report administrative, clinical and other information. Data do not account for a category of FQHCs that does not receive these funds, known as FQHC Look-Alikes. There are approximately 100 FQHC Look-Alikes across the United States. Consequently, data reflected in this fact sheet may underreport the true volume of care delivered by health centers.

<sup>1</sup> See the NACHC 2008 Chart Book at [www.nachc.com/research](http://www.nachc.com/research).

<sup>2</sup> NACHC, Robert Graham Center, and Capital Link, *Access Granted*, August 2007, <http://www.nachc.com/research-reports.cfm>.

<sup>3</sup> Urban Institute and Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured estimates based on Census Bureau's March 2007 and 2008 Current Population Survey. See Kaiser Family Foundation, State Health Facts Online, [www.statehealthfacts.org](http://www.statehealthfacts.org). U.S. Census Bureau, Table 4: Annual Estimates of the Population by Race Alone and Hispanic or Latino Origin for the United States and States: July 2007. Released May 2008. <http://www.census.gov/popest/states/>.

<sup>4</sup> Compares health center 2005 and 2007 UDS to 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 state population data, respectively. State population data come from Kaiser Family Foundation, State Health Facts Online. [www.statehealthfacts.kff.org](http://www.statehealthfacts.kff.org).

<sup>5</sup> NACHC and Association of Community Affiliated Plans, *The Impact of Health Centers and Community-Affiliated Health Plans on Emergency Department Use*, April 2007, <http://www.nachc.com/research>.

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