



www.mPCA.net | 517.381.8000



What is a Health Center?

In this document, unless otherwise noted, "Health Center" is used to refer to organizations that receive grants under the Health Center Program as authorized under section 330 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, and FQHC Look-Alike organizations, which meet all the Health Center Program requirements but do not receive Health Center Program grants. Health Centers are local, non-profit, community-owned providers of quality primary and preventive health care. They are located in medically underserved urban and rural communities in every state, including Michigan, and in every U.S. territory.

Nationwide

1,300 Health Centers
23 million patients served
9,000+ communities

Michigan

40 Health Centers
 Over **600,000** patients served
240+ locations

FUNDAMENTALLY UNIQUE

Health Centers are unique. The fundamental principles on which they were established 50 years ago set them apart from other providers of health care:

- Located in or serve medically underserved areas or populations
- Governed by a community board composed of 51 percent or more of Health Center patients who represent the population served
- Provide comprehensive primary health care services as well as support services (e.g. education, translation, transportation) that promote access to health care
- Provide services available to all with fees adjusted based on ability to pay
- Meet strict performance and accountability requirements regarding administrative, clinical, and financial operations as established by the federal government

INCREASED ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

Health Centers are a key strategic tool in assuring that underserved areas and populations have access to health care. Today more than 600,000 Michigan residents rely on a Health Center as their health care home—including individuals who are low income, uninsured, underinsured, elderly, minority, migrant and seasonal farmworkers, homeless, and those living with HIV/AIDS. If it weren't for Health Centers, many of these individuals would remain isolated from health care due to lack of insurance, inability to pay for services, and transportation, language, and cultural barriers. Health Centers overcome these barriers by providing coordinated, comprehensive, community-based health care to anyone who walks through their doors. The need for Health Center services continues to increase.

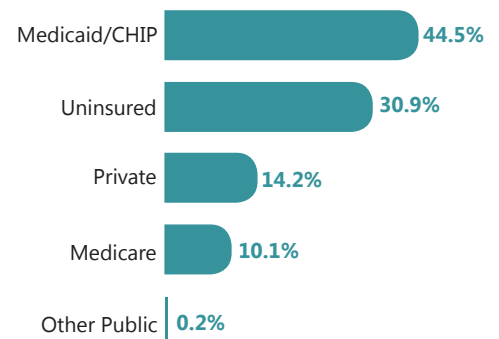
continued



Michigan Health Center Patients by **Income**



Michigan Health Center Patients by **Insurance Status**



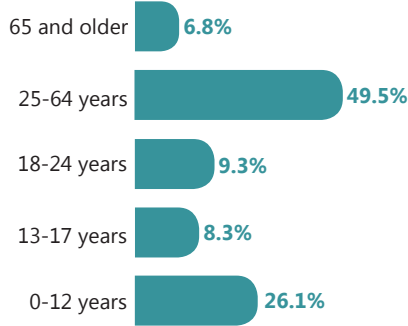
Unless otherwise noted, all data is derived from the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration's Uniform Data System, specifically for Michigan in 2013.



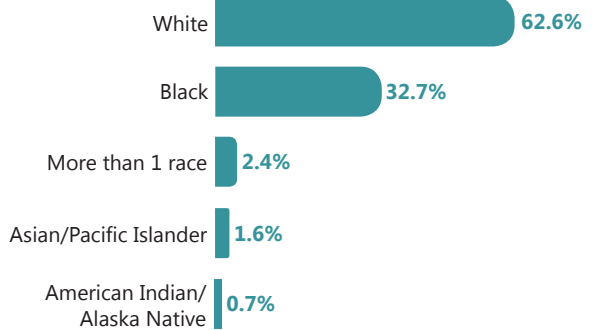
Michigan Health Centers

- [Advantage Health Centers](#)
- [Alcona Health Center](#)
- [Baldwin Family Health Care](#)
- [Bay Mills Health Center](#)
- [Cassopolis Family Clinic Network](#)
- [Center for Family Health](#)
- [Cherry Health](#)
- [Community Health & Social Services \(CHASS\) Center](#)
- [Covenant Community Care](#)
- [Detroit Central City Health Center](#)
- [Detroit Community Health Connection](#)
- [Downriver Community Services, Inc.](#)
- [East Jordan Family Health Center](#)
- [Family Health Center, Inc.](#)
- [Family Medical Center of Michigan](#)
- [Genesee Community Health Center](#)
- [Grace Health](#)
- [Hackley Community Care Center](#)
- [Hamilton Community Health Network](#)
- [Health Centers Detroit Medical Group](#)
- [Health Delivery, Inc.](#)
- [Ingham Community Health Centers](#)
- [InterCare Community Health Network](#)
- [Isabella Citizens for Health, Inc.](#)
- [Mercy Health-Saint Mary's Community Health Centers](#)
- [MidMichigan Community Health Services](#)
- [Muskegon Family Care](#)
- [MyCare Health Center](#)
- [Northwest Michigan Health Services, Inc.](#)
- [Oakland Integrated Healthcare Network](#)
- [Oakland Primary Health Services](#)
- [Packard Health, Inc.](#)
- [St. Joseph County Health Center](#)
- [Sterling Area Health Center](#)
- [The Wellness Plan Medical Centers](#)
- [Thunder Bay Community Health Service, Inc.](#)
- [Traverse Health Clinic](#)
- [Upper Great Lakes Family Health Center](#)
- [Wayne County Healthy Communities Health Center](#)
- [Western Wayne Family Health Centers](#)

Michigan Health Center Patients by **Age**



Michigan Health Center Patients by **Race**



QUALITY CARE

The care that Health Centers provide is high quality and often exceeds national standards. Plus, Health Center patients value the quality care they receive. Aggregated data from patient experience surveys conducted by the MidWest Clinicians' Network in 2014 shows that 96.4 percent of patients surveyed described the treatment and advice they received from providers at Health Centers as good or excellent, and 96.7 percent reported that they would recommend their Health Center to friends and family.

AN INVESTMENT

Health Centers reduce Medicaid costs. A study analyzing Michigan Medicaid claims showed that Michigan Health Centers are 8.4 percent more cost efficient in providing Medicaid services than are other providers. In brief, the study found that Michigan Health Centers save the Michigan Medicaid program \$12 per member per month, or \$144 per beneficiary per year. This equates to a projected total savings of \$15.9 million annually to the Medicaid program based on the number of adult Medicaid beneficiaries that Michigan Health Centers serve. Generally, the lower costs of Health Centers are due to reduced utilization by Health Center patients of more expensive Medicaid services, such as inpatient hospital services. At the national level, Health Centers provide \$24 billion in annual savings.

What's more, Health Centers serve as economic engines whose business operations significantly impact the local economy. They provide a source of stable employment and job training for community residents; purchase goods and services from local businesses; and engage in capital development projects that often act as catalysts for significant economic revitalization within their communities by attracting investment and other businesses to the community. In 2013, Michigan Health Centers provided 4,260.35 full time equivalent jobs in local communities across the state. ■