COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS are consumer-driven, patient-centered local health care organizations that provide care to people who live in medically underserved areas. Their services are tailored to fit the unique needs of the communities they serve, and their mission is simple: provide high-quality, affordable, and comprehensive medical services to everyone — regardless of who they are, where they come from, or their ability to pay.

THEIR DOORS ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE

In 2017, Michigan health centers served more than 700,000 people:

- 648,294 live in poverty
- 35,443 are homeless
- 219,632 are children
- 14,615 are agricultural farm workers
- 233,557 identify as racial or ethnic minorities
- 13,529 are veterans

Most Michigan community health center patients are uninsured or publicly insured:

- Medicare: 12%
- Private: 19%
- Medicaid/CHIP: 54%
- Uninsured: 15%

INNOVATION LEADS TO BETTER OUTCOMES

Health centers are leaders in population HEALTH INNOVATION and have pioneered coordination of SERVICES FOR BETTER CARE.

Health centers perform better on ambulatory care quality measures compared to private physicians. In fact, health center patients have higher rates of diabetes and hypertension control.
HEALTHY PEOPLE SPELL A HEALTHY ECONOMY

Michigan health centers don’t just put people back to work, they also CREATE JOBS and generate cost savings.

6,000 people Michigan health centers employ nearly 6,000 people of all skill and education levels.

2.7 million In total, staff at Michigan health centers provided more than 2.7 million patient visits last year.

$24 billion Nationwide, health centers save the health care system $24 billion EVERY YEAR.

Nationally, health centers' average daily cost per patient is lower:

- All physician settings: $3.06
- Health Centers: $2.09

Health centers (on average) save more nationwide than $2,300 (24%) per Medicaid patient:

- Other Primary Care Providers: $9,889
- Health Centers: $7,518

COVERAGE EQUALS CARE

PREVENTIVE, INTEGRATED CARE offered by Michigan health centers makes it easier to catch problems early — when they’re easier and less expensive to treat. Community health centers are also on the FRONT LINES of the opioid epidemic, providing evidence-based treatment to support recovery.

- 1,719,408 Medical services
- 548,327 Dental care
- 265,134 Behavioral health
- 38,636 Substance use disorder treatment
- 29,893 Vision services
- 100,715 Enabling services (e.g., transportation, translation, health education)

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