

10 Things to Know About Your Louisiana Community Health Centers

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Community Health Centers provide services to patients of all ages, races, and backgrounds. They are required to provide high quality, affordable, comprehensive primary and preventive care to any patient, regardless of their ability to pay for services or their insurance status.

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Community Health Center Organizations
(Including 2 Look-Alikes)

261

Individual Health Center Locations

55

Louisiana Parishes Now Have at Least One Health Center

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Community Health Centers serve as one-stop-shops for patients, providing: primary care, dental, and behavioral healthcare and a variety of other healthcare & enabling services.

426,128

Louisiana Health Center Patients Served in 2017

1,605,723

Individual Health Center Patient Visits

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Community Health Centers are important providers who make up Louisiana's healthcare safety-net. In 2017 alone, Community Health Centers served over 392,000 primary care patients, nearly 100,000 dental patients, and 58,100 patients requiring behavioral health services.

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Louisiana's Community Health Centers offer the highest quality of care for Louisiana's rural and medically underserved communities. Health center services meet the highest clinical standards and are offered at an affordable cost to consumers.



73.53%
Louisiana Health Centers are PCMH Certified



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Individual Health Center Sites are Joint Commission Accredited

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Operating under the direction of patient-majority governing boards, health centers are expressly aware and in tune with the health needs of the community. Clinical staff serve on the frontlines of the community and have unique insight into the distinct needs of their patient populations.

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Community Health Centers serve any patient that walks through the door, no matter their income or health insurance status. In fact, 93.1% of health center patients are at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.

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By steering patients away from the emergency room and emphasizing preventive care, health centers save the healthcare system money. Health centers have been shown to treat patients at a lower cost to Medicaid and save the safety-net program hundreds of millions of dollars.



24%

**Lower Medicaid Costs
for Health Center Patients**

\$584,000,000

Total Savings to Medicaid

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Aside from money saved, Community Health Centers spur economic growth by creating jobs. From employees with advanced clinical and administrative expertise to those just beginning their career path, health centers offer opportunities for all candidates who are passionate about serving their community.

5,211

**Total Jobs Created by
Community Health Centers**

\$653,446,916

Total Economic Impact in 2017

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Since 2008, Louisiana Community Health Centers have expanded all across the state, adding over 200 sites in that ten year time period. Now, there is at least one health center in 55 of Louisiana's 64 parishes, with several more in the works for 2019 and 2020.

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No two health centers are alike, but they all share one common purpose: to provide primary and preventive health care services that are coordinated, culturally and linguistically competent, and community-directed. They are proud to serve ALL Louisianans.

