

New Jersey Federally Qualified Health Centers

Quickfacts

Our Community, Your Health, Our Commitment.



Federally Qualified Health Centers

- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), often called community health centers, are in every state across the nation. FQHCs are authorized under Section 330(A) of the Public Health Services Act to provide healthcare to the medically underserved.
- FQHCs are required to fulfill 19 stringent operational and clinical guidelines established by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).
- FQHCs provide comprehensive primary and preventive care services in a unique and innovative way. FQHCs offer a sliding fee scale, have an ongoing quality assurance program, and have a governing board of directors, a majority of which is made up of FQHC users.
- FQHCs are required to annually report on HRSA performance measurements and are subject to HRSA review.
- FQHCs must be open to all, regardless of their ability to pay. FQHCs are special because they tailor their services to meet the specific needs of their communities and special populations- which include the homeless, migrant and seasonal farm workers, residents of public housing, HIV/AIDS patients, the underserved and the uninsured.

A Snapshot of NJ FQHCs



24
Health Centers
and 134 sites



17
medical homes
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537,960
patients served
and over 1.8 million patient visits provided.



23,292
homeless patients
and 12,790 migrant/seasonal farm workers and 20,295 public housing patients served.



3,170
individuals employed
at NJ FQHCs.



1,858
medical professionals
provide care for NJ FQHC patients.

New Jersey's Community Health Centers

There are 23 FQHCs and one FQHC Look-Alike Center that operate 134 healthcare delivery sites in New Jersey. These centers of excellence, also known as Health Centers, provide comprehensive, high quality primary and preventive care to the most vulnerable New Jersey residents – the uninsured and the medically underserved.

Most health centers operate satellite sites at multiple locations; which allows for care to be delivered at underserved communities throughout the State. Several centers and many sites are specially designated to serve the needs of special populations including homeless populations, public housing residents, migrant and seasonal farm workers, veterans and school-aged children.

NJ FQHCs Provide Comprehensive Care

One-Stop for Healthcare

- New Jersey's Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) provide comprehensive, culturally sensitive, high quality primary medical, dental and behavioral health services for all ages.
- Services include prevention services as well as management of acute and chronic medical conditions.
- FQHCs offer services such as health education, care management, translation, eligibility assistance, transportation, and after-hours coverage.

Access

- There are 24 FQHCs in New Jersey with 134 satellite sites located in all 21 counties of the State.
- NJ FQHCs provide healthcare services to over 537,960 New Jerseyans with more than 1.9 million visits annually.
- The majority of FQHC patients (84%) are either Medicaid enrollees or uninsured (55% Medicaid, 29% uninsured).
- About 96% of patients have incomes at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).¹

Affordable

- Fees are based on patient's ability to pay-FQHCs must offer a sliding fee discount and individuals are expected to pay what they can afford.
- Average cost per medical patient per year is \$463; cost per dental patient per year is \$360; and total cost per patient is \$623 (as per 2016 UDS data).
- Discounted medications are available either on site or through arrangement with a pharmacy.

Quality

- FQHCs follow strict standards with transparent and accountable quality outcomes reported annually to Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).
- Seventeen of 24 NJ health centers are recognized as Patient-Centered Medical Homes (PCMH), a model of care coordination focused on continuous quality improvement and strengthening the primary care clinician-patient relationship.
- NJ FQHCs are using electronic Medical records to improve quality outcomes and deliver more personalized, coordinated and cost-effective care.

¹ As per 2018 Federal Poverty Guidelines, 200% FPL is \$50,200 for a family of four.

Patient Visits by Service Type

1,326,389 
Medical

6,251 
Vision

70,483 
Mental Health

 360,119
Dental

90,053 
Enabling Services

7,230 
Substance Abuse



FQHCs Are New Jersey's Healthcare Safety Net



In 2017, New Jersey Health Centers served 537,960 individuals throughout the State, providing care to 26,013 more people compared to 2016. This growth rate of 5.1% in total patient volume is substantially higher than the previous 3-year average growth rate of 2.0%.

Since the implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and New Jersey's adoption of Medicaid expansion, NJ FQHCs have made tremendous strides in reducing uninsured status among existing and new patients. In 2013, 42% of individuals receiving care at FQHCs were uninsured and 43% were enrolled on Medicaid. After four years of tireless outreach and in-reach efforts carried out by the FQHC Staff, these numbers stood at 29% (uninsured) and 55% (Medicaid) respectively. This shift represents a 24% decrease in uninsured patient volume and a 43% increase in Medicaid enrollees when compared with 2013.

NJ Health Center Patients at a Glance

96%

of NJ FQHC patients are low income and 77% are members of racial/ethnic minorities

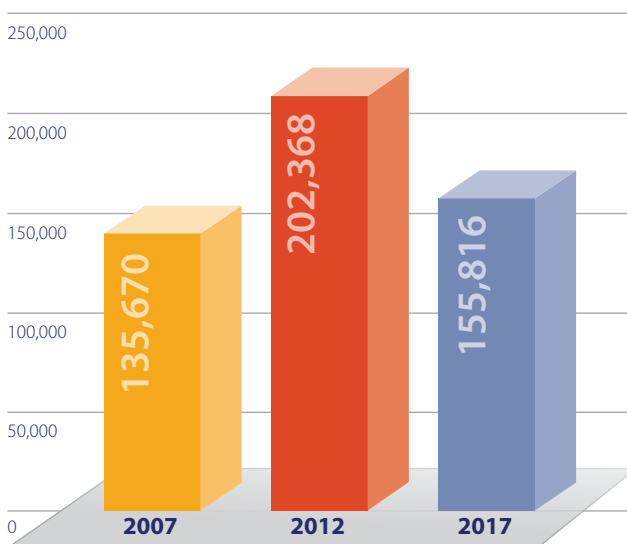
31%

of FQHC patients are children, 63% are adults, and 6% are elderly

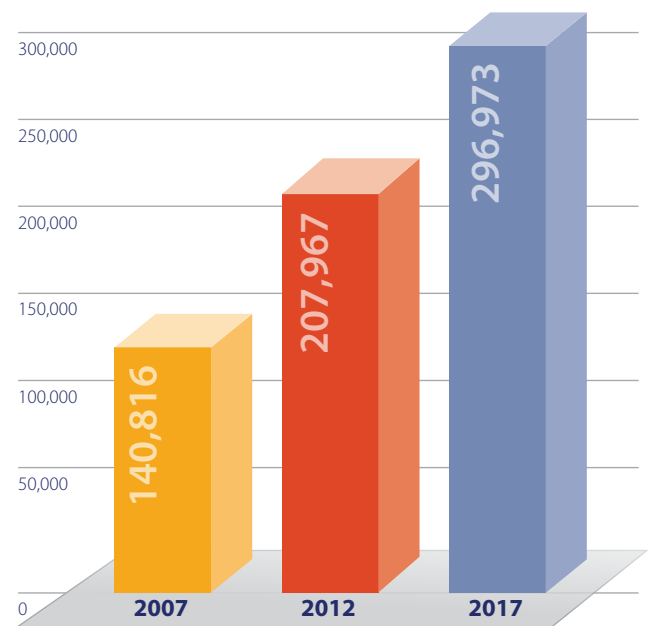
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of NJ FQHC patients have Medicaid as their insurance source and 29% are uninsured

Uninsured Patients' Growth Trend



Medicaid Patients' Growth Trend



Savings for NJ's Healthcare System

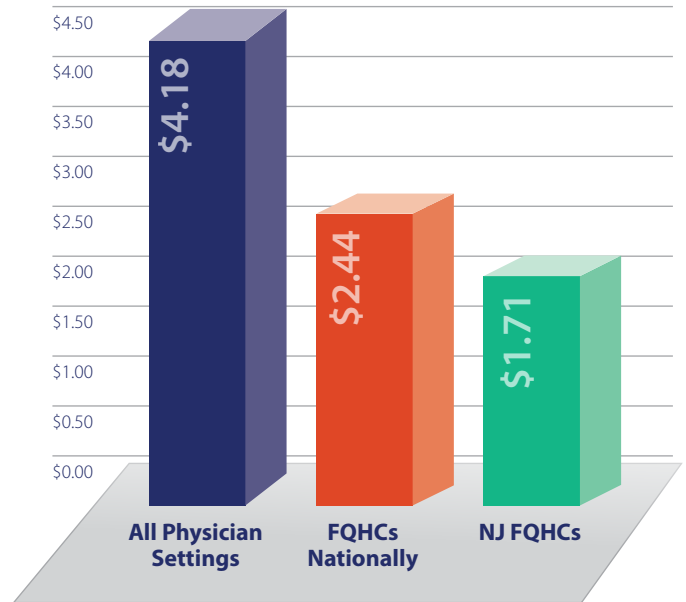
FQHCs save the State and hospitals millions of dollars when patients are seen at community health centers rather than in emergency rooms. FQHCs' cost of care is substantially lower than other types of providers, despite the fact that Health Centers provide a wide range of ancillary services not offered in other health care settings.

As per Agency for Health Care Research and Quality's (AHRQ's) Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, the average per person per day cost of care at all non-FQHC physician settings is \$4.18.²

In contrast, FQHCs provide high quality care to their patients at a much lower cost. The average per patient per day cost of care at FQHCs nationally is \$2.44 and \$1.71 at NJ FQHCs (2016 UDS data).

Aside from providing high quality primary and preventive care services at a lower cost, health centers also energize local economies through job creation and purchase of goods and services.

Average Daily Cost of Caring for Patients

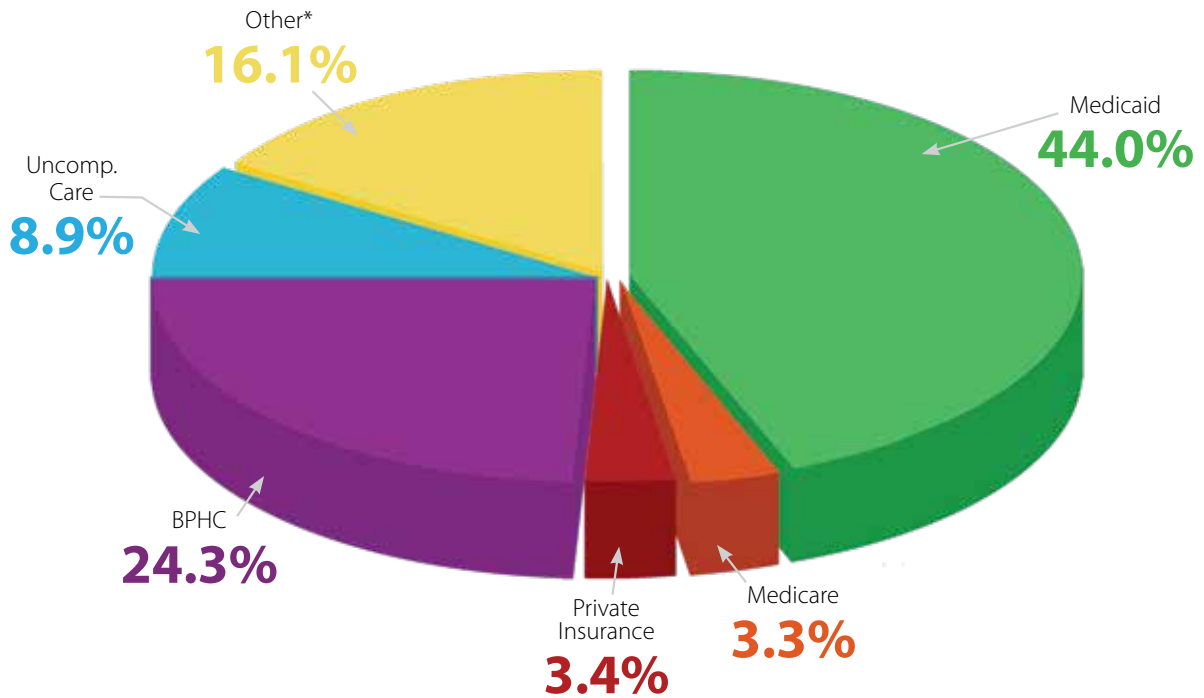


² Cost data for 'other physician setting' is available from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Medical Expenditure Survey Summary Tables, 2014 at <http://meps.ahrq.gov>. 2016 MEPS data will be available in May 2018. FQHC data source is Bureau of Primary Health Care, Health Resources and Services Administration(DHHS) 2016 UDS Data.

Funding NJ FQHCs

In 2016, Medicaid funds accounted for 44% of FQHC budgets while State Uncompensated Care funding accounted for only 8.9% of NJ FQHC budgets. Other sources

of income included patient fees, third party payments (private insurance), Medicare, federal categorical program, State Government Grants and contracts and local funding.



*Other category includes income from Patient self-pay, other federal grants, foundations and private grants, and State and local government grants.

Standards of Excellence

A Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) is a nationally known healthcare standard that is based on a partnership between the patient, family, and primary provider in cooperation with specialists and support from the community. The patient is the focal point of this model. These guidelines stress that care under the medical home model must be accessible, family-centered, continuous, comprehensive, coordinated, compassionate and culturally effective. The following FQHCs have attained PCMH status:

- AtlantiCare Health Services
- CAMcare Health Corporation
- Center for Health Education, Medicine and Dentistry (CHEMED)
- CompleteCare Health Network
- Eric B. Chandler Health Center
- Henry J. Austin Health Center
- Horizon Health Center
- Jewish Renaissance Medical Center
- Metropolitan Family Health Network
- Monmouth Family Health Center
- Newark Community Health Centers, Inc.
- North Hudson Community Action Corporation Health Center
- Ocean Health Initiatives, Inc.
- Project H.O.P.E., Inc.
- Southern Jersey Family Medical Centers, Inc.
- Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey Community Health Center
- Zufall Health Center



Our Legislative Priorities

NJPCA's State legislative priorities are established annually by the NJPCA Board of Directors. NJPCA's mission guides the legislative priorities for New Jersey's Community Health Centers. NJPCA seeks to achieve comprehensive quality health care for all New Jerseyans. NJPCA strives to:

- integrate behavioral health care into the full spectrum of services;
- secure necessary resources and regulatory assistance to allow our centers to expand access;
- incorporate medical/legal partnerships focused on areas directly impacting patients' health; and
- develop innovative, cost efficient methods to increase access to primary care services.

2018: Aligning Our Mission and Goals

NJPCA is committed to its mission of planning, promoting and facilitating equal access to quality health care for individuals and their families. NJPCA seeks to maintain team-based, cost effective, affordable primary, dental and mental health services for New Jersey's diverse populations.



2017 Accomplishments & Awards

Just a few of our accomplishments and awards...

CompleteCare Health Network

CompleteCare Health Network won the 2017 Bronze Telly Award for their social media videos—a series of over 80 videos focused on making healthcare less complicated for their patients. In this award-winning effort, CompleteCare Staff simplified common health issues around diabetes, Hepatitis, HIV, wellness exams and preparing for visits with the physician.



Jewish Renaissance Foundation Community Health Center (JRFCHC)

The Jewish Renaissance Foundation (JRF) Health Center received an award (\$200,000) from the New Jersey Health Initiatives (NJHI) for its “Emerging Leaders for a Healthier Community Program.” JRF’s Emerging Leaders for a Healthier Community program focuses on youth from the Perth Amboy area and provides them with learning opportunities to acquire leadership skills they can utilize in service to their communities.

North Hudson Community Action Corporation Community Health Center

North Hudson was named as one of 2017’s Hypertension Control Champions. This award recognized North Hudson Community Action Corporation’s success in achieving controlled blood pressure rates for more than 70 percent of its hypertensive patients.



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Southern Jersey Family Medical Centers

Southern Jersey Family Medical Centers was awarded Burlington County Time's Annual Good Doers-Award. The Award is a direct reflection of the hard work and dedication of the Center's staff in providing healthcare services to the members of its communities.



VNA of Central Jersey Community Health Center

VNACJ Community Health Center received a grant award (\$225,000) from the Nicholson Foundation to implement the Cherokee Health Systems Model. It is a healthcare model that promotes integrated, team-based approach to patient care by embedding a behavioral health consultant within a primary care team to allow simultaneous care for physical and mental health issues.

Zufall Health Center

Zufall Health Center received a "Gold Level Achievement" Award from the National Improvement Partnership Network of the Academic Pediatric Association for its success in improving HPV Immunization Coverage. Zufall Health Center was recognized by the American Heart Association and the American Medical Association as a Gold-level practice for achieving blood pressure control among more than 70% of its hypertensive patients.



2017 NJ Community Health Center Patients

FQHCs	Medicaid (Family Care included)	Uninsured	Medicare	Private Insurance	TOTAL
AtlantiCare Health Services	2,574	1,800	939	342	5,655
CAMCare Health Corporation	22,907	8,575	1,997	2,689	36,168
Center for Health Education, Medicine & Dentistry (CHEMED)	25,001	3,414	772	7,635	36,822
CompleteCare Health Network	34,057	12,027	5,789	8,543	60,416
Eric B. Chandler Health Center	7,853	6,417	983	425	15,678
Henry J. Austin Health Center	8,346	5,178	1,042	871	15,437
Horizon Health Center	8,138	3,260	491	2,930	14,819
Jewish Renaissance Foundation Health Center	80	207	40	167	494
Jewish Renaissance Medical Center	15,418	6,906	621	3,202	26,147
Mary Eliza Mahoney Health Centers	3,522	5,076	304	672	9,574
Metropolitan Family Health Network	10,809	2,609	778	2,474	16,670
Monmouth Family Health Center	7,328	4,770	572	791	13,461
Neighborhood Health Services Corporation*	10,589	8,838	599	2,258	22,284
Newark Community Health Centers, Inc.	27,223	11,293	1,517	6,050	46,083
North Hudson Community Action Corporation Health Center	33,088	30,391	2,891	4,849	71,219
Ocean Health Initiatives, Inc.	19,042	6,167	1,596	1,930	28,735
Paterson Community Health Center	6,620	5,313	411	1,581	13,925
Project H.O.P.E.	3,595	121	431	774	4,921
Rutgers Community Health Center	646	561	37	69	1,313
Saint James Health, Inc.	642	361	42	213	1,258
Southern Jersey Family Medical Centers, Inc.	30,293	12,612	1,972	6,011	50,888
Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey Community Health Center	5,458	2,540	699	643	9,340
Zufall Health Center	13,744	17,380	2,069	3,460	36,653
TOTALS	296,973	155,816	26,592	58,579	537,960

Source: 2017 patient served data (unverified) provided by NJ FQHCs

*Data reported for this health center is based on 2016 UDS report

The New Jersey Primary Care Association (NJPCA) is a not-for-profit organization that represents the 24 Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and their 134 sites throughout New Jersey.



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