



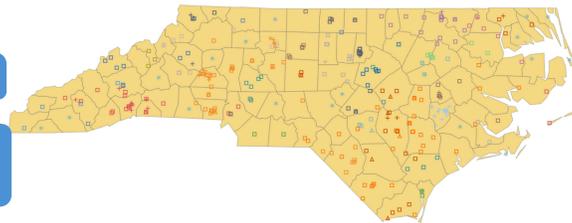
## THE PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING NORTH CAROLINA'S FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS

### WHAT ARE FQHCs?

Also known as **Community Health Centers**, FQHCs are community-based and patient-governed organizations that deliver comprehensive, culturally competent, high-quality primary health care services, regardless of insurance coverage or ability to pay.

By mission, FQHCs care for communities where economic, geographic, or cultural barriers limit access to affordable health care services.

NCCHCA represents 43 Community Health Center organizations that operate over 550 clinical sites, including mobile & school-based health.



Our Community Health Centers cared for 752,000 patients in rural & medically underserved areas in 2022.

#### INTEGRATED, WHOLE-PERSON SERVICES

FQHCs are a central place for all people to receive:

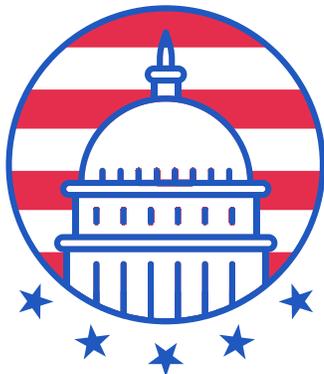


- Primary & preventive care
- Behavioral health & substance use disorder treatment
- Dental & oral health care
- Pharmacy services
- Case management
- Transportation
- Outreach & benefits enrollment

#### FQHC VALUE & AFFORDABILITY

- Save 29% per NC Medicaid patient compared to other providers.
- Reduce unnecessary hospitalizations & ED visits, saving the national health care system \$24 billion per year. 
- Provide cost-effective care for over 255,000 uninsured patients per year, using sliding-fee discount programs to help patients afford to share the cost of care.
- Create jobs for over 5,100 full-time equivalents.

#### COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER NEEDS



1. Sustain and expand health center funding to bolster the health center workforce, reach more communities, and increase access to behavioral health and dental services.
2. Protect access to discount medications for health center patients through the 340B Drug Discount Program.
3. Invest in health care workforce programs such as the National Health Service Corps and the THC-GME program to recruit & retain primary & specialty care providers.

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