

# The Obama Administration and Community Health Centers

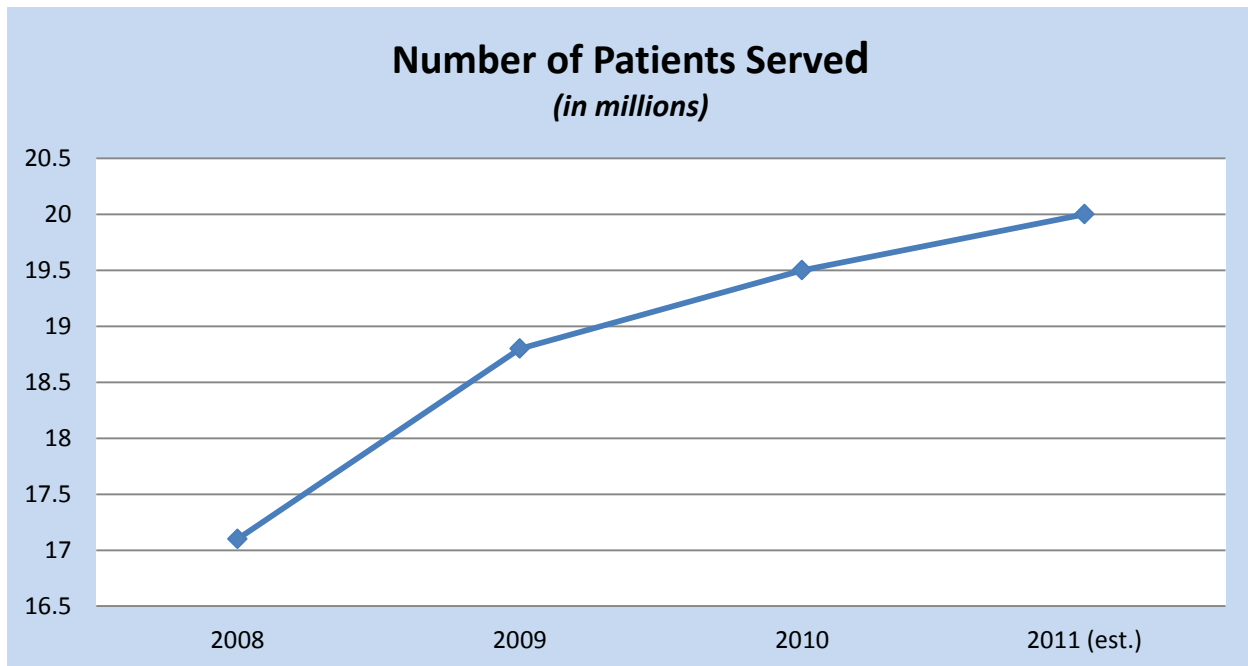
Community health centers are a critical source of health care for millions of Americans – particularly those in underserved communities. Thanks primarily to the Affordable Care Act and the Recovery Act, community health centers are serving nearly 3 million additional patients today, for an estimated total of 20 million patients in 2011, and will serve an additional 1.3 million additional new patients in the next two years.

The health care law has already supported the construction and renovation of 190 capital projects at health centers and the creation of 67 new health center sites across the country, and will support the construction and renovation of more than 485 health center sites and the creation of more than 245 new community health center sites over the next two years.

## **Nearly 3 Million New Patients Are Receiving Care in Community Health Centers Thanks Primarily to the Affordable Care Act and the Recovery Act**

The Affordable Care Act's investments in community health centers were designed to both expand the number of patients served, particularly in underserved areas, as well as to improve and expand the services available to patients. Of the total \$11 billion investment in Community Health Centers in the Affordable Care Act, \$9.5 billion is designated as operational support to sustain, improve and expand existing community health centers, allowing them to serve more patients at more locations and provide more services. In FY 2011, the first \$1 billion of these funds were awarded. The Recovery Act invested \$2 billion in community health centers in 2009 and 2010, of which \$1.5 billion was for capital projects and \$500 million for health center services.

Due primarily to these investments, the number of patients receiving care from a community health center has increased by nearly 3 million, from 17 to 20 million between 2008 and 2011. Affordable Care Act funding also has helped to ensure that more than 4 million existing health center patients' ongoing primary health care needs are met.



### 1.3 Million More Americans Will Have Access to Care at a Community Health Center in the Future

In 2012 and 2013, Affordable Care Act funding will help continue to expand the number of patients served by community health centers, including more than 245 New Health Center Access Points for Care. These new community health center sites are expected to serve approximately 1.3 million patients. Even more patients will be served in later years as community health centers complete renovation and expansion projects using longer term Building Capacity grant dollars.

### Building Health Centers to Serve the Patients of Today and Tomorrow

The Affordable Care Act has already helped build new community health center sites, and expand and improve services available to their patients. In the coming years, the health care law will continue these efforts.

Through the **Increased Demand for Services grants**, supported initially with the Recovery Act and continued with the Affordable Care Act, health centers expanded services and access to care in response to the increased number of patients seeking low-cost, affordable health care services. In 2011, more than 1,100 community health centers received grants to meet those needs by supporting new providers, expanded hours of operations or expanded services, such as oral health, behavioral health, or pharmacies.

- **New Access Points for Care:** In 2011, Affordable Care Act funds helped continue support for 127 Health Center New Access Points, and created 67 new community health center sites serving an additional 300,000 patients. These grants establish new

community health centers and help existing community health centers build and operate new full-time service delivery sites that provide comprehensive primary and preventive health care services.

- **Capital Development:** Half of the \$1.5 billion Affordable Care Act Capital Development program funding was awarded in 2010 to support 190 major construction and renovation projects at 144 community health centers nationwide. These efforts are expected to help community health centers reach an additional 745,000 underserved patients. The remaining Capital Development program funds will support two types of grants in 2012:
- **Building Capacity:** 171 new large renovation, expansion or construction projects will improve health center capacity to provide primary and preventive health services to underserved populations.
- **Immediate Facility Improvement:** 227 new construction and renovation projects will help support health center efforts to address immediate facility needs within existing sites that are providing primary and preventive health services.

These grants are expected to expand access to an additional 860,000 patients.

## Community Health Centers Support Economic Growth, Create Jobs

Community health centers are an integral source of local employment and economic growth in many underserved and low-income communities. Total health center employment is more than 131,000 individuals nationwide, including a more than 15 percent increase - or 18,600 jobs - since the beginning of 2009.

The additional 245 new sites expected to receive Health Center New Access Points for Care grants in 2012 and 2013 are estimated to support an additional 6,000 jobs.

## Community Health Centers: Proven Record

For more than 45 years, community health centers have delivered comprehensive, high-quality preventive and primary health care to patients regardless of their ability to pay. During that time, community health centers have become the essential primary care medical home for millions of Americans. Community health centers provide a comprehensive array of services to meet the varying needs of their patient populations including: chronic disease management, prevention and patient education. Today, a network of more than 1,100 community health centers operate 8,500 service delivery sites that provide care to 20 million patients in every State, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Pacific Basin. About half of all community health center grantees serve rural America; the remainder are found in urban areas.

This network of community health centers has created a system of primary and preventive care with a true national impact.

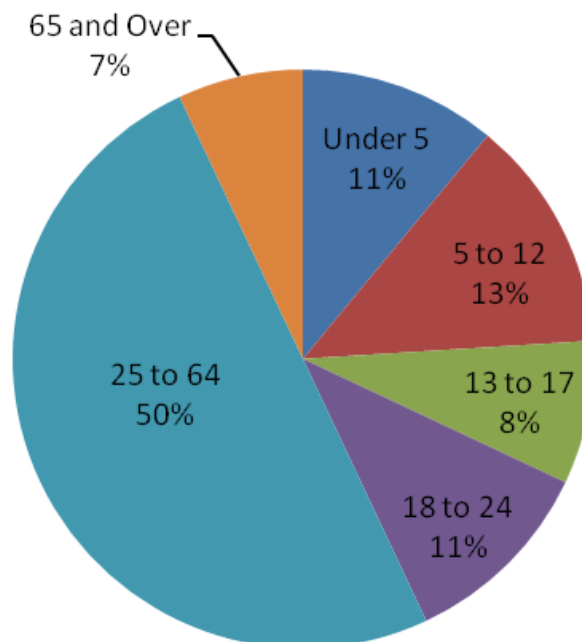
- Of the 20 million people treated in community health centers, nearly two-thirds are members of racial and ethnic minority groups. Nearly forty percent have no health

insurance; a third are children.

- One out of every 16 people living in the U.S. relies on a community health center for primary care.
- Community health centers are an integral source of local employment and economic growth in many underserved and low-income communities. Since the beginning of 2009, health centers have added more than 18,600 new full time positions in many of the nation's most economically distressed communities.
- Community health centers employ more than 131,000 staff including 9,600 physicians, 6,400 nurse practitioners, physicians' assistants, and certified nurse midwives, 11,400 nurses, 9,500 dental staff, 4,200 behavioral health staff, and more than 12,000 case managers, health education, outreach, and transportation staff.

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## Health Centers Serve All Ages



*Source: Uniform Data System, 2010*

## Affordable Care Act and Recovery Act Funding for Capital Development 2009-2012

<b>Alabama</b>	<b>\$33,859,973</b>
Alaska	\$32,109,297
American Samoa	\$773,355
Arkansas	\$20,278,840
Arizona	\$48,726,075
California	\$413,146,828
Colorado	\$60,762,341
Connecticut	\$56,318,207
Delaware	\$4,343,685
District of Columbia	\$23,657,612
Federated States of Micronesia	\$764,880
Florida	\$95,995,214
Georgia	\$44,603,343
Guam	\$718,195
Hawaii	\$31,185,736
Idaho	\$31,140,418
Illinois	\$134,798,795
Indiana	\$44,888,257
Iowa	\$34,209,049
Kansas	\$28,342,575
Kentucky	\$53,338,946
Louisiana	\$29,211,713
Maine	\$20,249,799
Maryland	\$34,471,286
Massachusetts	\$188,091,171
Marshall Islands	\$2,854,545
Michigan	\$73,484,248
Minnesota	\$30,464,418
Mississippi	\$36,307,840
Missouri	\$53,885,590

Montana	\$22,298,741
Nebraska	\$18,810,972
Nevada	\$14,838,099
New Hampshire	\$21,756,796
New Jersey	\$66,200,465
New Mexico	\$52,938,136
New York	\$148,157,026
North Carolina	\$52,600,225
North Dakota	\$8,574,413
Ohio	\$77,213,519
Oklahoma	\$36,680,410
Oregon	\$67,652,353
Palau	\$500,000
Pennsylvania	\$68,937,383
Puerto Rico	\$54,514,171
Rhode Island	\$18,812,347
South Carolina	\$44,805,870
South Dakota	\$5,581,212
Tennessee	\$61,892,273
Texas	\$168,891,224
Utah	\$14,343,336
Vermont	\$24,660,465
Virginia	\$67,134,210
Virgin Islands	\$709,335
Washington	\$86,402,038
West Virginia	\$40,649,539
Wisconsin	\$33,480,021
Wyoming	\$13,795,572