



WHY HEALTH CENTERS MATTER

FAMILY HEALTH CENTERS OF BALTIMORE

Health Center Fact Sheet

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Services:

Adult Medicine
Dental Care
Family Planning
HIV Case Management
OB/GYN
Outpatient Substance Abuse
Detoxification
Outreach
Pediatrics
Pediatric Pulmonary
Specialist
Podiatry

Community Health Centers improve access to care for the nation's most medically underserved. Community Health Centers ensure that over 20 million underserved patients have a place for primary and preventive care. Also known as Federally-Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), health centers care for 1 out of every 7 Medicaid beneficiaries nationally. Health centers offer comprehensive primary and preventive health care services that propel system-wide cost savings and improve patient health.

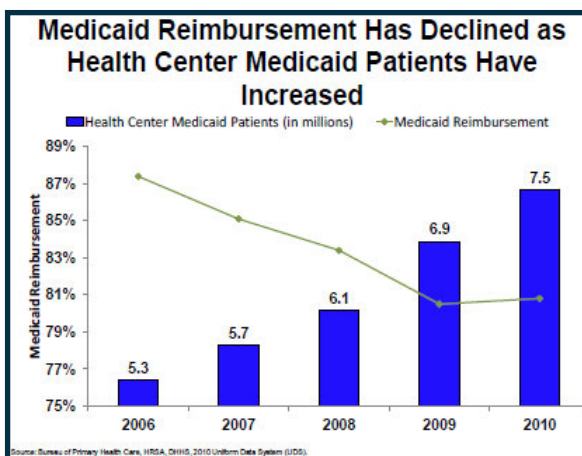
DELIVERING SAVINGS

Medicaid beneficiaries relying on Health Centers are 19% less likely to use the emergency room and 11% less likely to be hospitalized for preventable conditions. As a result, health centers save the federal-state Medicaid program \$6 billion annually.

In Maryland, Health Centers serve 15% of Medicaid patients with only 1.2% of Medicaid expenditures.

THE IMPORTANCE OF ADEQUATE MEDICAID PAYMENTS

As the largest insurer of health center patients, adequate Medicaid payments are essential to a center's solvency. Over the years, Medicaid reimbursement has decreased at a time when health centers are serving more Medicaid patients.



ESTIMATED AFFORDABLE CARE ACT IMPACT

By 2017, MACHC estimates that Baltimore City will have roughly 65,000 newly insured residents as a result of the Affordable Care Act. Around 7,500 newly insured residents will reside in the communities that are served by Park West Health System, Inc. Of these 7,500, roughly 5,000 will be under 200 percent of the poverty line. Of those under 200 percent of the poverty line, MACHC estimates that 3,700 will be under 133 percent of the poverty line and eligible to receive Medicaid.

STATE HEALTH IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

In response to the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid expansion, Community Health Centers in Maryland are creating task forces responsible for moving forward with Federal requirements and closely examining how to implement major provisions such as health insurance exchanges and insurance reforms.

Quick Facts Family Health Centers of Baltimore

4 Site Locations
Serving 17,401 Patients
4% Uninsured
65% Medicaid
5% Medicare
Employing 124 Staff Members

Source: HRSA, 2010 Uniformed Data System (UDS)

PROSPECTIVE PAYMENT SYSTEM (PPS)

Medicaid PPS was established by Congress with the intent of ensuring appropriate payment for covered individuals while not forcing health centers to cross-subsidize Medicaid out of their federal grants. This unique payment system is critical to the continued success of Health Centers in providing cost-savings primary and preventive care, not only to their Medicaid patients but to all uninsured individuals.

Without a unique PPS rate, inadequate payment for the Health Center patients covered by Medicaid, combined with the extremely limited payment for patients who are uninsured, would quickly cause Health Centers to lose viability.