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# Overview of the Health Center Program

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# Primary Health Care Mission



*Improve the health of the Nation's underserved communities and vulnerable populations by assuring access to comprehensive, culturally competent, quality primary health care services*



# Health Center Background



- Beginning: 1965 under President Johnson's War on Poverty.
- 2002 Amendments of the Health Centers Consolidated Care Act of 1996, section 330 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act. The Health Center Program includes:
  - Community Health Center Program – section 330(e)
  - Migrant Health Center Program – section 330(g)
  - Health Care for the Homeless Program – section 330(h)
  - Public Housing Primary Care Program – section 330(i)
- Program Reach:
  - Over 1,100 health center grantees in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and the Pacific Basin that deliver primary and preventive care through over 7,500 comprehensive service sites.



# Health Center Requirements



- Community Need:
  - Located in medically underserved areas (MUA) or serves medically underserved populations (MUP)
- Services:
  - Provide comprehensive primary care services
  - Provide enabling services such as education, translation and transportation that promote access to health care
  - Services available to all with fees adjusted upon ability to pay
- Management and Finance:
  - Meet performance and accountability requirements regarding administrative, clinical, and financial operations
- Governance:
  - Governed by a community board composed of a majority (51%) of health center patients who represent the population served



# Benefits to Health Center



- Access to Federal grant funds to support the costs of uncompensated care
- Enhanced Medicaid and Medicare Reimbursement
- Participation in the 340B (discounted) Drug Pricing Program
- Health Professional Shortage Area Designation and participation in National Health Service Corps
- Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) malpractice coverage



# Health Centers as Health Homes



*A medical home is not a building, house, or hospital, but rather an approach to providing comprehensive primary care.*

A medical home is defined as primary care that is:

- accessible
- continuous
- comprehensive
- family centered
- coordinated
- compassionate
- culturally effective



# Program Overview (2008)



## 17.1 Million Patients (1 in 18)

§ 92% Below 200% poverty (1 in 6)

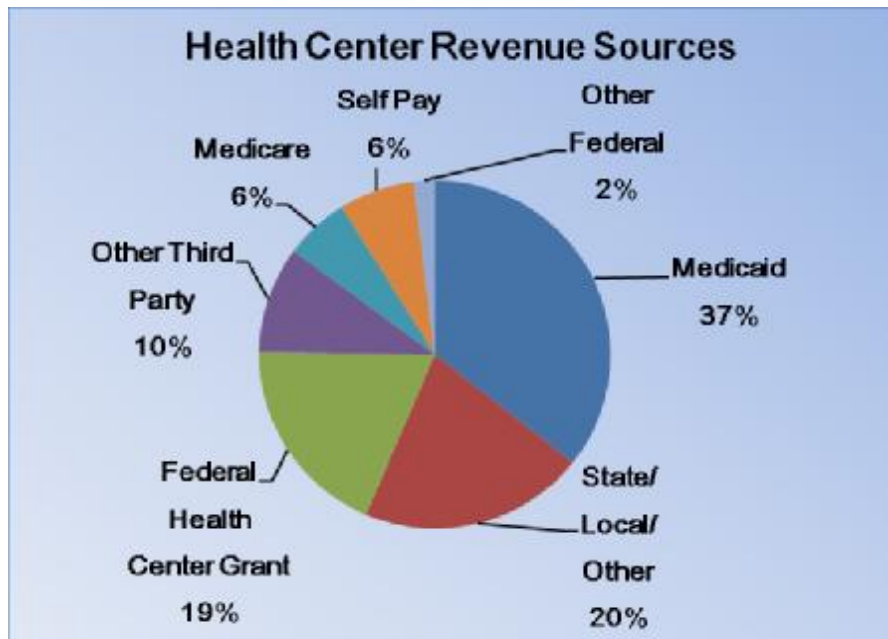
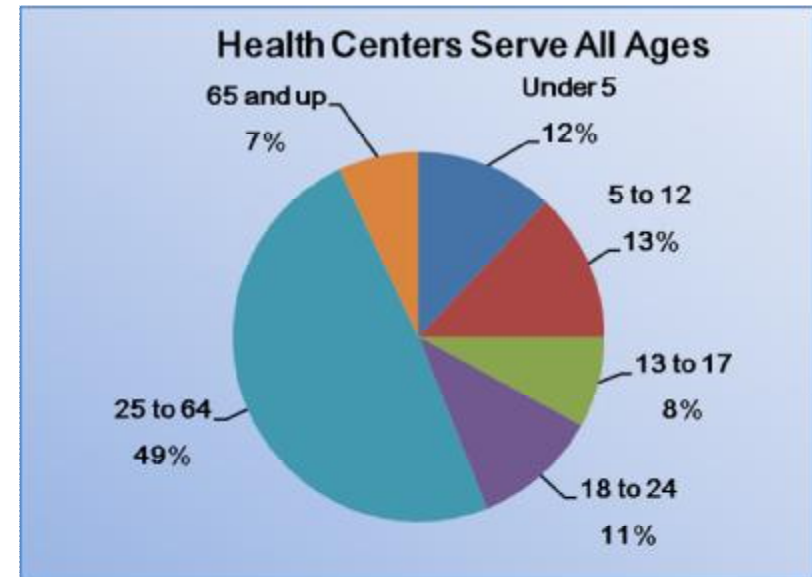
§ 70% Below 100% poverty (1 in 3)

§ 38% Uninsured (1 in 7)

§ 934,000 Homeless Individuals

§ 834,000 Migrant/Seasonal Farmworkers

§ 157,000 Residents of Public Housing



## 67 Million Patient Visits

§ 1,087 Grantees – half rural

§ 7,500+ Service Sites

## Over 113,000 Staff

§ 8,400 Physicians

§ 5,100 NPs, PA, & CNMs

Source: Uniform Data System, 2008



# Health Center Program Workforce (2008)



<u>Total Staff</u>	113,059	<u>Mental Health</u>	3,189
<u>Physicians</u>	8,441	Psychiatrists	299
Family/General P.	4,342	Clinical Psychologists	280
Internal Med	1,453	Clinical Social Workers	887
Pediatrics	1,577	Other Licensed MH	785
Ob/Gyn	798	Other MH	938
Other MD/DO	271	<u>Substance Abuse</u>	770
<u>Nurse Practitioners</u>	2,978	<u>Pharmacy</u>	2,310
<u>Physician Assistants</u>	1,706	<u>Other Professional</u>	868
<u>Certified Nurse Midwives</u>	454	<u>Program Enabling Services</u>	10,995
<u>Nurses</u>	9,806	(Case Managers, Education, Outreach, Transport, etc.)	
<u>Other Med</u>	13,782	<u>Other Program/Services</u>	3,344
<u>Lab/X-ray</u>	2,540	<u>Patient Support Staff</u>	20,335
<u>Dental</u>	7,520	<u>Management and Support Staff</u>	11,513
Dentists	2,299	<u>Fiscal and Billing Staff</u>	8,085
Hygienists	892	<u>IT Staff</u>	1,519
Assistants	4,329	<u>Facility Staff</u>	2,904

Source: Uniform Data System, 2008 Data



# Health Center Performance:



## Access/Quality/Cost (2008)

### 17.1 Million Patients

– 92% Below 200% of Poverty; 70% Percent below 100%

- 73% Diabetes Under Control
- 62% Blood Pressure Under Control
- 65% First Trimester Prenatal Care
- 7.6% Low Birth Weight
- 70% Childhood Immunization
- 57% Pap Tests for Women
- \$588 Cost Per Patient; \$129 Per Visit



# Oral Health Activities



- In FY 2009, HRSA awarded \$8.7M to support expanded oral health services at 40 health centers
- Since 2001, a total of \$55M has been awarded to support 312 oral health service expansion grants in health centers
- Health Centers (in CY 2008):
  - 86% of health centers provided preventive oral health care services on site or by paid referral
  - Provided care to 3.1M dental patients; 131% increase since 2001
  - Employed:
    - 2,299 dentists; 119% increase since 2001
    - 892 dental hygienists; 183% increase since 2001
    - 4,329 other dental staff; 122% increase since 2001

Source: Uniform Data System, 2008



# American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)



- Signed into law on February 17, 2009
- Provides \$500 million for services:
  - support new sites and services areas
  - increase services at existing sites and provide payments for spikes in uninsured populations.
- Provides \$1.5 billion for modernization:
  - Equipment
  - Facility renovation
  - Construction
  - Health Information Technology systems.



# ARRA Funding



- Awarded \$155 million to support 126 New Access Point (NAP) grants in March 2009.
- Awarded \$338 million to support almost 1130 grants for Increased Demand for Services (IDS) in March 2009.
- Awarded \$851 million to support over 1120 grants for Capital Improvement Program (CIP) in June 2009.
- Awarded \$500 million to support 85 grants under the Facility Investment Program (FIP) in December 2009.
- \$88M to be awarded for Health Information Technology/Network Grants



# Health Center ARRA Projections



- Through New Access Point and Increased Demand for Services Funding:
  - Serve over 2.85 Million Additional Patients
  - Create or Retain over 11,900 Jobs
- Through Capital Improvement Program Funding:
  - 1,500+ New or Improved Health Center Sites
  - 650+ Health Centers with new equipment or health information technology systems
  - 380+ Health Centers with new/enhanced certified EHRs



THANK YOU!

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