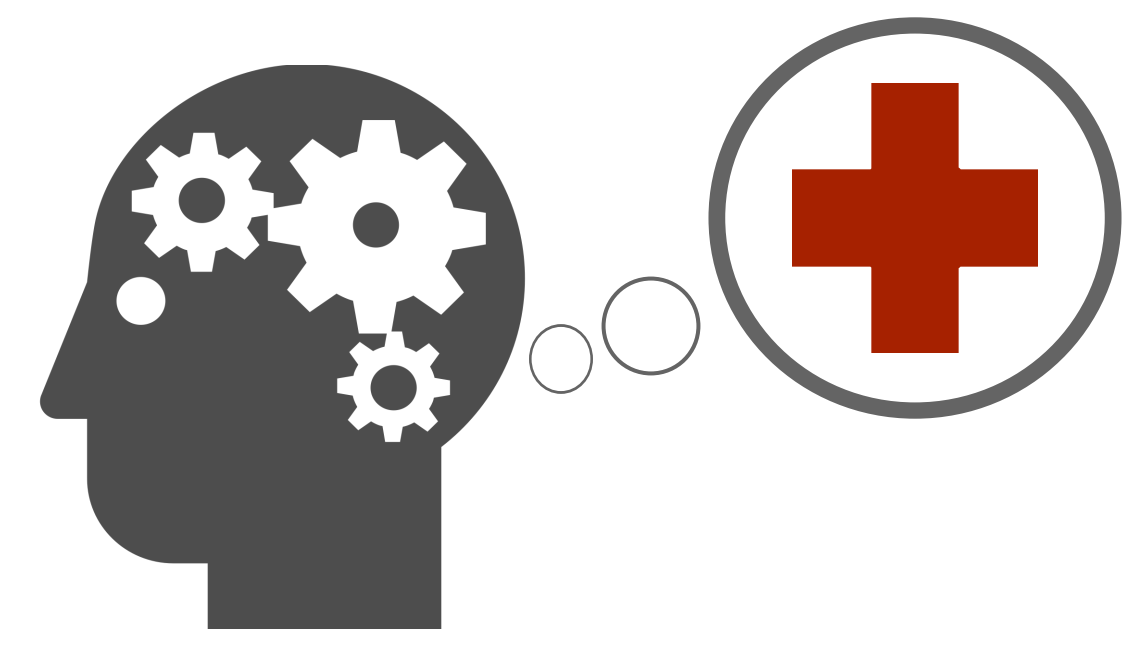


Colorado's Community Health Centers: Critical to Colorado's Behavioral Health Infrastructure

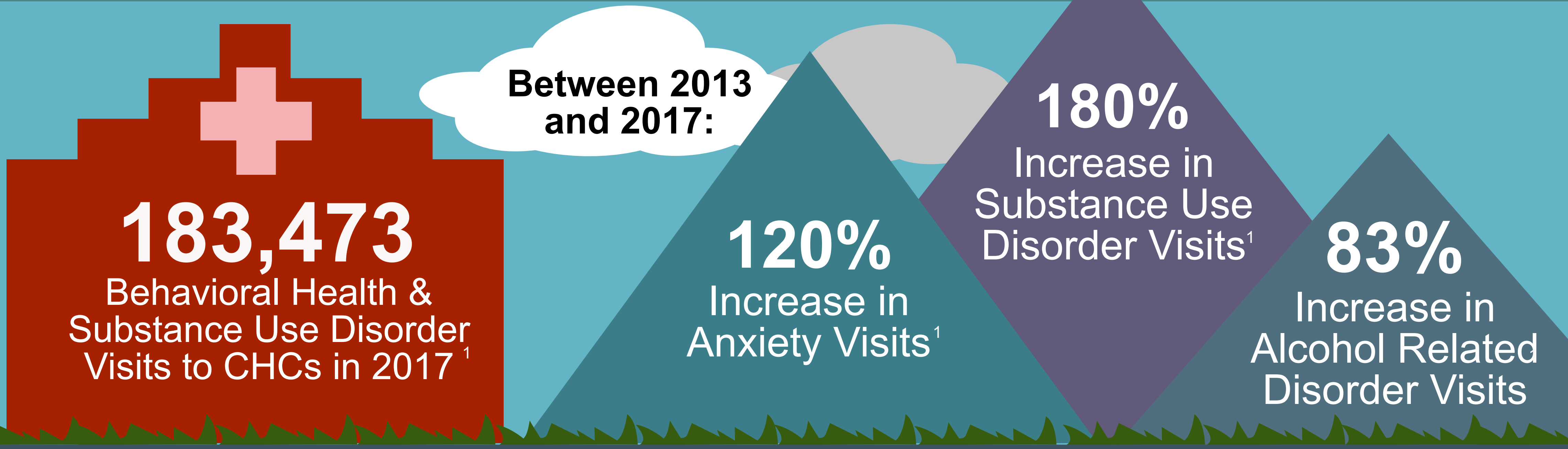


Colorado's Community Health Centers (CHCs) provide affordable health care to working families in communities that would otherwise lack access to health care services.

Colorado's CHCs provide onsite, integrated behavioral health services. Integrating behavioral health into the primary care setting has been proven to be an extremely effective strategy to not only address mental illness and substance abuse concerns, but also address some of the most expensive physical health concerns. All CHCs provide screening and/or treatment/referrals for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services and 13 CHCs provide Medication Assisted Treatment for SUD.

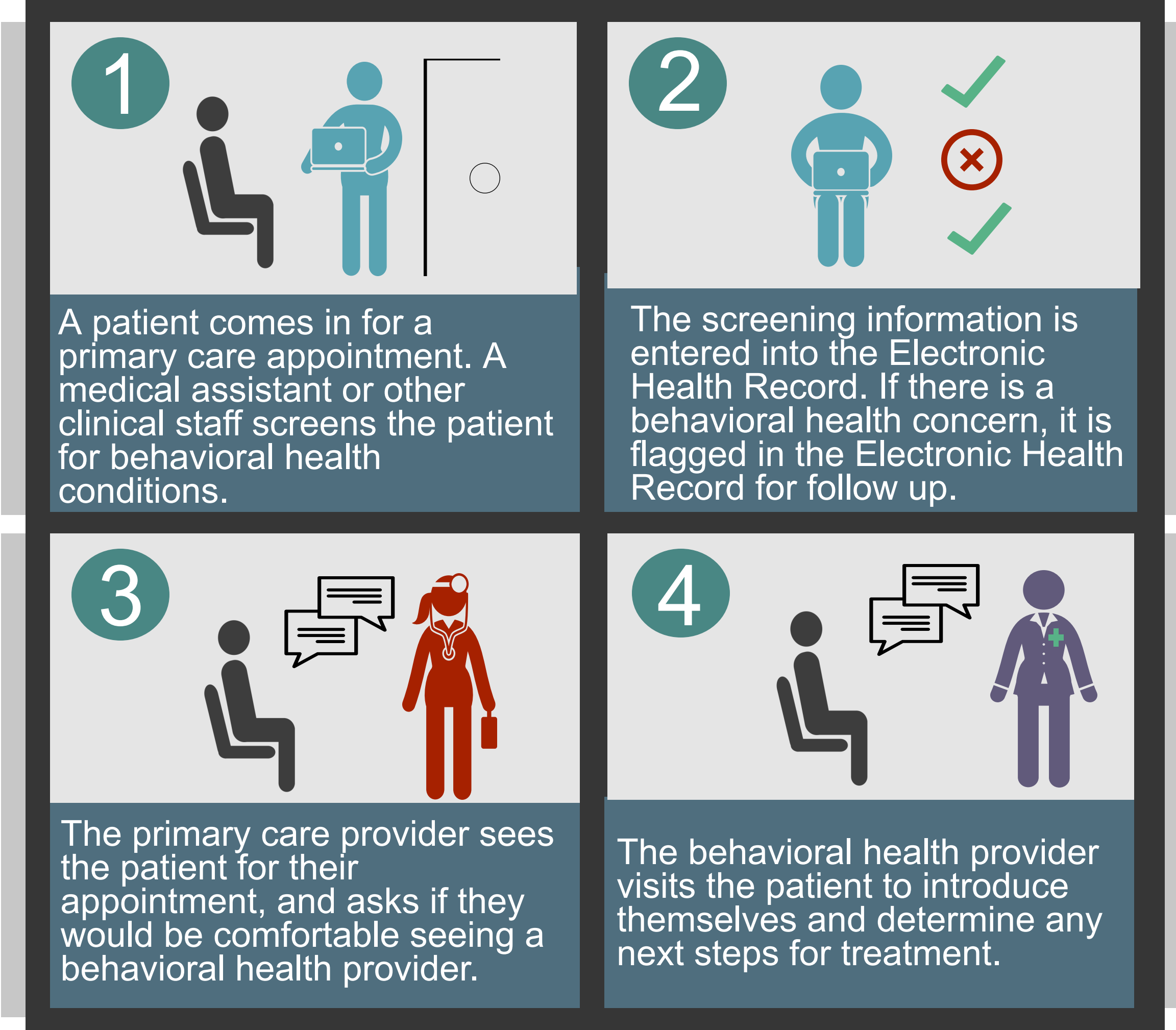


CHCs are a Significant Provider of Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder Services in Colorado



CHCs Are at the Forefront of Integrating Behavioral Health into The Primary Care Setting

Example: Integrated Care in the CHC Setting*



Medicaid and Integrated Care: Accountable Care Collaborative (ACC)

Colorado CHCs are key players in the **ACC**, Colorado's plan to improve the quality of and access to care through Health First Colorado, the state's Medicaid program. One of the key goals of the ACC is to integrate behavioral health into the primary care setting.

Because CHCs serve 35% of Colorado's Medicaid enrollees, the work CHCs are doing to integrate behavioral health and primary care services is key to the ACC's success.

*Integrated care is delivered through a variety of different models. The above is not meant to capture all of the different models, but to provide an example of how an integrated visit may look.

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