Colorado’s Community Health Centers (CHCs or health centers) provide a health care home for more than 830,000 Coloradans – more than one in seven people in the state – at over 200 clinic sites in 43 Colorado counties. Colorado CHCs provide tremendous value and impact to the communities they serve through high quality health care to vulnerable populations, savings to the health care system, economic stimulus, integrated and team-based care focused on managing chronic conditions, preventative care, and increasing access to care.

This report highlights their 2018 savings and contributions.

**ECONOMIC STIMULUS**

- **$1,361 Million** TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT of current operations
  - **$722 Million** COMMUNITY SPENDING
  - **$51 Million** STATE & LOCAL TAX REVENUES
  - **$151 Million** FEDERAL TAX REVENUES
  - **$202 Million** ANNUAL TAX REVENUES
  - **$792 Million** SAVINGS TO MEDICAID
  - 24% LOWER COSTS FOR HEALTH CENTER MEDICAID PATIENTS

- **10,542** TOTAL JOBS
  - **5,869** HEALTH CENTER JOBS
  - **4,673** OTHER JOBS in the community

**SAVINGS TO THE SYSTEM**

- **$1,183 Million** SAVINGS TO THE OVERALL HEALTH

**CARE FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS**

- **643,836** PATIENTS SERVED
  - 2,699,442 PATIENT VISITS
  - 46% 4-YEAR PATIENT GROWTH

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INTEGRATED CARE

588,949 patients received MEDICAL care
153,202 patients received DENTAL care
88,925 patients received BEHAVIORAL HEALTH care
3,930 patients received VISION care

99,053 patients received at least one ENABLING SERVICE to overcome barriers to care

Patients also received non-clinical services to connect them to community resources such as HOUSING, JOB TRAINING, AND CHILD CARE

MANAGING CHRONIC CONDITIONS

28,824 patients were diagnosed with ASTHMA
48,937 patients were diagnosed with DIABETES
15,552 patients were diagnosed with CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE
80,282 patients were diagnosed with HYPERTENSION

PREVENTIVE CARE

97,294 children attended WELL-CHILD VISITS
244,451 patients received IMMUNIZATIONS and SEASONAL FLU

STATE-OF-THE-ART PRACTICES

100% of health centers have installed and currently use an ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD (EHR)
65% of health centers are currently participating in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services EHR INCENTIVE PROGRAM “MEANINGFUL USE”
50% of health centers are using TELEHEALTH TO PROVIDE REMOTE CLINICAL CARE SERVICES

QUALITY HEALTH OUTCOMES

100% of health centers met or exceeded at least one HEALTHY PEOPLE 2020 GOAL FOR CLINICAL PERFORMANCE

Capital Link prepared this Value & Impact report using 2018 health center audited financial statements and Uniform Data System information. Economic impact was measured using 2018 IMPLAN Online.

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REFERENCES AND DATA SOURCES


- Care for Vulnerable Populations “Low Income” refers to those who earn below 200% of federal poverty level guidelines.


- Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) of 1.0 is equivalent to one full-time employee. In an organization that has a 40-hour work week, an employee who works 20 hours per week (i.e., 50 percent of full time) is reported as “0.5 FTE.” FTE is also based on the number of months the employee works. An employee who works full time for four months out of the year would be reported as “0.33 FTE” (4 months/12 months).

- 2018 data for 20 Colorado Community Health Center program grantees.

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### HEALTH CENTERS INCLUDED IN THIS ANALYSIS

- Axis Health System’s Integrated Healthcare Clinics
- Clinica Family Health
- Clínica Tepeyac
- Colorado Coalition for the Homeless
- Denver Health’s Community Health Services
- Frontier Community Health Clinic
- High Plains Community Health Center
- MarillacHealth
- Mountain Family Health Centers
- Northwest Colorado Health
- Peak Vista Community Health Centers
- Pueblo Community Health Center, Inc.
- River Valley Family Health Center
- Salud Family Health Centers
- Sheridan Health Services
- STRIDE Community Health Center
- Summit Community Care Clinic
- Sunrise Community Health
- Uncompahgre Medical Center
- Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc.