

# The Value and Impact of Colorado's Community Health Centers

Colorado's **20 federally qualified Community Health Centers (CHCs)** provide a health care home for more than **855,000** of their community members – **one in seven people in Colorado- from 63 of the state's 64 counties**. CHCs provide tremendous value and impact to the communities they serve through **care for vulnerable populations, savings to the system, economic stimulus, state-of-the-art practices, and integrated care** with a focus on **managing chronic conditions, preventative care, and quality health outcomes**. They have also played a critical role in **pandemic response**, providing testing, vaccination, and care in-person and virtually, bolstering the public health infrastructure in their communities.

This report highlights their **2021 savings and contributions**, as well as pandemic response data through **Jan. 13, 2023**.



## ECONOMIC STIMULUS

<b>6,081</b>	<b>5,094</b>	<b>11,175</b>
HEALTH CENTER JOBS	OTHER JOBS	TOTAL JOBS
<b>\$780 M</b>	<b>\$932 M</b>	<b>\$1.7 B</b>
DIRECT HEALTH CENTER SPENDING	COMMUNITY SPENDING	TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT OF CURRENT OPERATIONS
<b>\$26 M</b>	<b>\$180 M</b>	<b>\$206 M</b>
STATE & LOCAL TAX REVENUES	FEDERAL TAX REVENUES	ANNUAL TAX REVENUES



## SAVINGS TO THE SYSTEM

<b>24%</b>	<b>\$788 M</b>	<b>\$1.2 B</b>
LOWER COSTS FOR HEALTH CENTER MEDICAID PATIENTS	SAVINGS TO MEDICAID	SAVINGS TO THE OVERALL HEALTH SYSTEM



## PANDEMIC RESPONSE

CHCs play a critical public health role in pandemic response, targeting vulnerable populations and delivering:

TESTING		
<b>402,118</b>	<b>124,068</b>	<b>64.2%</b>
TOTAL IN-PERSON COVID TESTS	AT-HOME SELF-TEST DISTRIBUTION	FOR RACIAL/ETHNIC MINORITIES

VACCINES	
<b>765,312</b>	<b>64.2%</b>
TOTAL COVID VACCINES	FOR RACIAL/ETHNIC MINORITIES



## CARE FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

<b>(0.3%)</b>	<b>2,216,104</b>	<b>509,550</b>	<b>2,725,654</b>
4-YEAR PATIENT GROWTH	CLINIC VISITS	VIRTUAL VISITS	TOTAL VISITS

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<b>641,838</b>		
PATIENTS SERVED		
<b>29.9%</b>	<b>89.8%</b>	<b>66.5%</b>
CHILDREN & ADOLESCENTS	LOW INCOME	IDENTIFY AS AN ETHNIC OR RACIAL MINORITY
<b>12,674</b>	<b>9,111</b>	<b>27,358</b>
AGRICULTURAL WORKERS	VETERANS	HOMELESS



## INTEGRATED CARE

<b>588,432</b>	<b>145,145</b>	<b>4,264</b>
PATIENTS RECEIVED MEDICAL CARE	PATIENTS RECEIVED DENTAL CARE	PATIENTS RECEIVED VISION CARE
<b>102,728</b>	<b>6,534</b>	<b>104,329</b>
PATIENTS RECEIVED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE	PATIENTS RECEIVED SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES	PATIENTS RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE ENABLING SERVICE TO OVERCOME BARRIERS TO CARE



## MANAGING CHRONIC CONDITIONS

<b>28,074</b>	<b>18,686</b>	<b>2,234</b>	
PATIENTS WITH ASTHMA	PATIENTS WITH HEART DISEASE	PATIENTS WITH HIV	
<b>54,534</b>	<b>67.0%</b>	<b>86,338</b>	<b>63.5%</b>
PATIENTS WITH DIABETES	PATIENTS WITH DIABETES CONTROLLED	PATIENTS WITH HYERTENSION	PATIENTS WITH HYERTENSION CONTROLLED



## PREVENTATIVE CARE

<b>87,895</b>	<b>231,468</b>
CHILDREN ATTENDED WELL-CHILD VISITS	PATIENTS RECEIVED IMMUNIZATIONS AND SEASONAL FLU VACCINES



## STATE-OF-THE-ART PRACTICES

<b>85.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>(20.2%)</b>
HEALTH CENTERS PROVIDING PHARMACY SERVICES	HEALTH CENTERS PROVIDING TELEHEALTH CARE	YEARLY GROWTH IN TELEHEALTH VISITS

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## SUMMARY OF 2021 ECONOMIC IMPACT AND TAX REVENUE

		Employment (# of FTEs)	Economic Impact	State & Local Tax Revenues	Federal Tax Revenues
Community Impact	Direct	6,081	\$779,631,665	\$6,904,744	\$116,965,811
	Indirect	1,888	\$325,320,132	\$4,795,738	\$24,296,121
	Induced	3,206	\$606,260,760	\$14,646,807	\$38,472,744
	<b>Total</b>	<b>11,175</b>	<b>\$1,711,212,557</b>	<b>\$26,347,289</b>	<b>\$179,734,676</b>
				<b>\$206,081,965</b>	

## REFERENCES AND DATA SOURCES

- Savings to the System: Nocon et al. Health Care Use and Spending for Medicaid Enrollees in Federally Qualified Health Centers Versus Other Primary Care Settings. American Journal of Public Health: November 2016, Vol. 106, No. 11, pp. 1981-1989.
- Economic Stimulus: Economic impact was measured using 2021 IMPLAN Online from IMPLAN Group LLC, IMPLAN System (data and software), 16905 Northcross Dr., Suite 120, Huntersville, NC 28078, www.IMPLAN.com. Learn more at [www.caplink.org/how-economic-impact-is-measured](http://www.caplink.org/how-economic-impact-is-measured).
- "Low Income" refers to those with earnings at or below 200% of federal poverty guidelines.
- Care for Vulnerable Populations: Bureau of Primary Health Care, HRSA, DHHS, 2020 Uniform Data System.
- 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).
- COVID tests and vaccines data comes from data reported by health centers from the HRSA Health Center COVID-19 Survey. Learn more at <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/emergency-response/coronavirus-health-center-data>.

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## HEALTH CENTERS INCLUDED IN THIS ANALYSIS

1. Axis Health System's Integrated Healthcare Clinics
2. Clinica Family Health
3. Colorado Coalition for the Homeless
4. Denver Health's Community Health Services
5. High Plains Community Health Center
6. Inner City Health Center
7. MarillacHealth
8. Mountain Family Health Centers
9. Northwest Colorado Health
10. Peak Vista Community Health Centers
11. Pueblo Community Health Center, Inc.
12. River Valley Family Health Centers
13. Salud Family Health
14. Sheridan Health Services
15. STRIDE Community Health Center
16. Summit Community Care Clinic
17. Sunrise Community Health
18. Tepeyac Community Health Center
19. Uncompahgre Medical Center
20. Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc.