Florida's Community Health Centers (CHCs or FQHCs) have provided high-quality, comprehensive primary care services in medically underserved communities for over 50 years. Florida's 54 FQHCs treat 1.8 million patients at more than 750 locations statewide, including dozens of mobile units and over 100 school-based locations.

Health centers are community-based and patient-directed organizations that deliver comprehensive, culturally competent, high-quality primary healthcare services to all individuals and families, including people experiencing homelessness, agricultural workers, residents of public housing, and veterans.

Health centers integrate access to pharmacy, mental health, substance use disorder, and oral health services in areas where economic, geographic, or cultural barriers limit access to affordable health care. Health centers reduce health disparities by emphasizing coordinated care management of patients with multiple health care needs and the use of key quality improvement practices, including health information technology.

**Health Center Fundamentals**

- Deliver comprehensive, culturally competent, high-quality primary health care, as well as supportive services such as health education, translation, and transportation
- Provide services to everyone and charge on a sliding scale
- Develop systems of patient-centered and integrated care that responds to the unique needs of diverse medically underserved areas and populations
- Private non-profit or public entities, including tribal and faith-based organizations, that operate under the direction of a patient-majority governing board
- The overall economic impact of Florida's Community Health Centers in 2021 was $2.9 billion
- Meet requirements and standards regarding administrative, clinical, and financial operations
- The majority of health centers' operating funds come from Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance, patient fees, and other resources
- Florida's Community Health Centers accounted for 22,500 jobs in 2021