



*Defining New Directions in Community Health Care*

**WHAT IS A COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER?**

Community health centers are nonprofit health care practices located in medically underserved areas that provide high quality, cost-effective primary health care to anyone seeking care. In New York State, community health centers provide comprehensive, community-based, primary and preventive health care for over 1.3 million persons.

- ***Affordable and open to everyone.*** Community health center fees are based on income and family size and services are provided regardless of insurance status or ability to pay.
- ***Patient-centered, community-centered.*** Community health centers bring high quality, patient-centered medical homes to underserved communities.
- ***Improve Outcomes and Reduce Disparities.*** Community health centers are instrumental in reducing health disparities and improving outcomes for persons with chronic illness through care management.
- ***Cost-effective.*** Independent studies find that the Medicaid cost for a typical health center patient is 30 percent less than average spending on patients treated by other medical providers, even though health centers care for a sicker patient population.
- ***Governed by patients.*** At least 51 percent of the board members of a federally qualified community health center must be consumers of the health center's services, ensuring patient and community involvement in service delivery.



## WHO GETS HEALTH CARE AT COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS?

Community health centers are not-for-profit, patient-centered medical homes located in medically underserved areas that provide high quality, cost-effective primary health care to anyone regardless of income or insurance status. In New York State:

- Health centers serve as the family doctor for 1.3 million patients who receive care at over 445 sites in urban, suburban and rural areas across the state.
- 86% of health center patients have incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL).
- Thirty percent (30.1%) of health center patients are Hispanic/Latino, 42% are African American, 40% are White and 6% are Asian/Pacific Islander. Almost 300,000 (23%) are best served in a language other than English.\*
- 41% of health center patients are Medicaid beneficiaries and 28% are uninsured.

*This fact sheet includes data from Federally-Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) who meet federal health center grant requirements and are required to report administrative, clinical and other information to the Human Resources and Services Administration's Federal Bureau of Primary Health Care ([www.bphc.hrsa.gov](http://www.bphc.hrsa.gov)). These figures do not include data from a category of FQHCs that do not receive these funds, known as FQHC Look-Alikes. Data reflected in this report may consequently underreport the true volume of health care services delivered by health centers. The Uniform Data System (UDS) data included in this report is a core set of information that is used to review the operation and performance of health centers. This data tracks a variety of information, including patient demographics, services provided, staffing, clinical indicators, utilization rates, costs, and revenues. UDS data are collected at the grantee, state, and national levels.*

*\*Percent of known/reported. Source: 2008 FQHC UDS Reports.*



# Facts and Figures on Access to Care in New York State

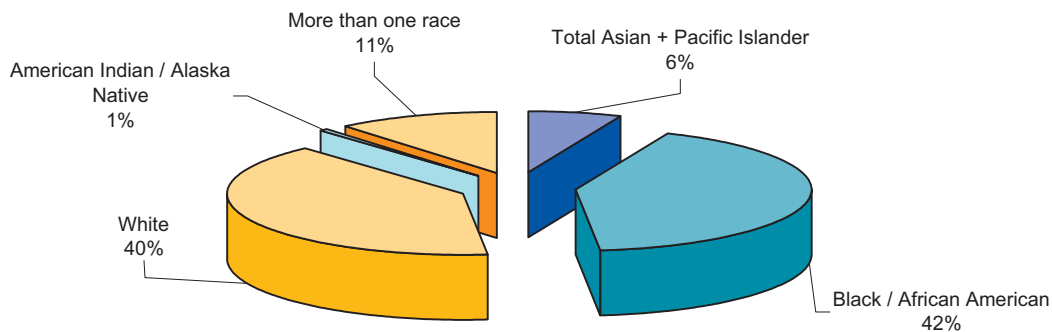
## FEDERALLY QUALIFIED COMMUNITY, MIGRANT AND HOMELESS HEALTH CENTERS: A PRIMARY CARE SAFETY NET

	NY Health Center Patients	NY State Pop.
Percent Covered by Medicaid	41%	19%
Percent that are Uninsured	28%	14%
Percent at or Under 100% of Poverty Level*	69%	20%
Percent Under 200% of Poverty Level*	86%	38%
Percent Hispanic/Latino*	30%	17%
Percent African American*	42%	17%
Percent Asian/Pacific Islander*	6%	7%
Percent American Indian/Alaska Native*	1%	1%
Percent White (including Hispanic/Latino)*	40%	73%

\*Percent of known/reported. Does not include persons identifying two or more races, so totals may not sum to 100%. Percents may not total 100% due to rounding. Sources: 2008 FQHC UDS Reports and NACHC's 2008 NYS Health Center Fact Sheet.

### HEALTH CENTERS SERVE A HIGH PROPORTION OF RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES

*Race of New York's Health Center Patients*

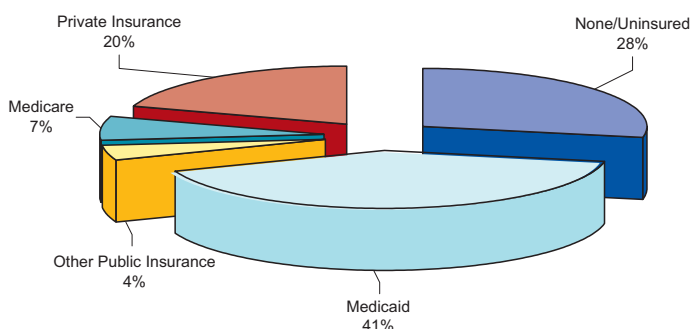


(The data provides information about whether or not patients consider themselves to be of Hispanic or Latino identity regardless of their race.)

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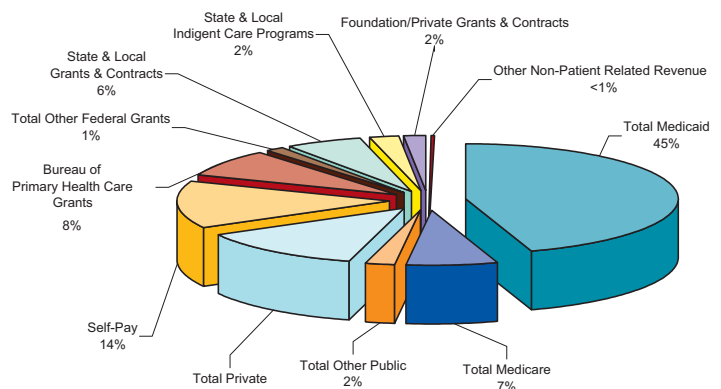
### MOST HEALTH CENTER PATIENTS ARE EITHER UNINSURED OR MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES

*New York State Health Center Patients by Insurance Status*



### MEDICAID COMPOSES CLOSE TO HALF OF HEALTH CENTER REVENUES

*Revenue Sources of NY's Federally Qualified Health Centers*



Source: 2008 FQHC UDS Reports.

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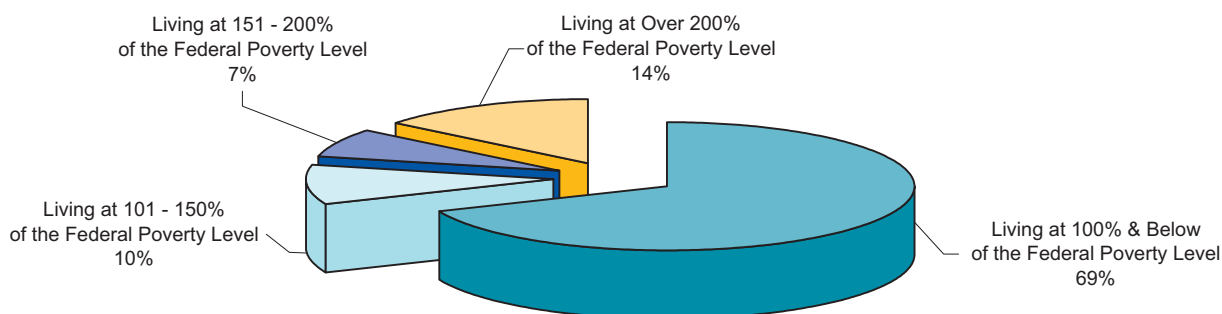
## IN 2008, NEW YORK'S COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS SERVED:

- > 1,283,511 total patients
- > 299,397 patients best served in a language other than English
- > 15,151 migrant/seasonal farm workers
- > 92,203 homeless patients
- > 33,206 school-based patients
- > 36,671 infants (11 months or younger)
- > 32,491 prenatal care patients
- > 382,055 women of childbearing age (ages 15-44)

Source: 2008 FQHC UDS Reports; Look-Alike data not available.

## MORE THAN TWO OUT OF THREE HEALTH CENTER PATIENTS HAVE INCOMES BELOW POVERTY LEVEL

Income of New York State Health Center Patients as a Percentage of Federal Poverty Level (FPL)\*



\*Percent of known/reported. Source: 2008 FQHC UDS Reports.

## PERCENT OF NEW YORK'S VULNERABLE POPULATIONS SERVED BY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

Percent of Uninsured Children Served by Health Centers	26%
Percent of Uninsured New Yorkers Served by Health Centers	14%
Percent of Low Income Uninsured Residents Served by Health Centers	23%

Percent of Total Population Served by Health Centers	7%
Percent of Children 18 or Under Served by Health Centers	9%
Percent of Medicaid Beneficiaries Served by Health Centers	10%

Source: 2008 FQHC UDS Reports, NACHC NY Health Center Fact Sheet.



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The Community Health Care Association of New York State (CHCANYS) organizes, educates, and advocates on behalf of more than 70 health centers (FQHC and Look-Alikes) located throughout New York State. Community, migrant and homeless health centers provide high quality, affordable and accessible primary and preventive health care for more than 1.3 million New Yorkers at over 445 sites.

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