

Twenty-Five South Carolina Primary Health Care Association health center members 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 **PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE** as demonstrated by **PANDEMIC RESPONSE**, providing testing, vaccination, and care in-person and virtually, bolstering the public health infrastructure in their communities.

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



ECONOMIC STIMULUS

4,789	4,130	8,919
HEALTH CENTER JOBS	OTHER JOBS	TOTAL JOBS
\$796.4 M	\$659.3 M	\$1.5 B
DIRECT HEALTH CENTER SPENDING	COMMUNITY SPENDING	TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT OF CURRENT OPERATIONS
\$31.7 M	\$136.2 M	\$167.9 M
STATE & LOCAL TAX REVENUES	FEDERAL TAX REVENUES	ANNUAL TAX REVENUES



SAVINGS TO THE SYSTEM

24%	\$334.8 M	\$720.4 M
LOWER COSTS FOR HEALTH CENTER MEDICAID PATIENTS	SAVINGS TO MEDICAID	SAVINGS TO THE OVERALL HEALTH SYSTEM



PANDEMIC RESPONSE

Over a four-year period (from the first survey conducted on April 3, 2020, through the end of the survey on September 6, 2024), FQHCs play a critical public health role in pandemic response, targeting vulnerable populations and delivering:

TESTING		
391,580	328,758	54.5%
TOTAL IN-PERSON COVID TESTS	AT-HOME SELF-TEST DISTRIBUTION	FOR RACIAL/ETHNIC MINORITIES

VACCINES	
269,439	66.6%
TOTAL COVID VACCINES	FOR RACIAL/ETHNIC MINORITIES



CARE FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

4.9%	1,804,248	97,695	1,901,943
4-YEAR PATIENT GROWTH	CLINIC VISITS	VIRTUAL VISITS	TOTAL VISITS

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446,515		
PATIENTS SERVED		
25.4%	86.3%	65.6%
CHILDREN & ADOLESCENTS	LOW INCOME	IDENTIFY AS AN ETHNIC OR RACIAL MINORITY
10,507	8,647	10,713
AGRICULTURAL WORKERS	VETERANS	HOMELESS



INTEGRATED CARE

409,405	38,914	9,154
PATIENTS RECEIVED MEDICAL CARE	PATIENTS RECEIVED DENTAL CARE	PATIENTS RECEIVED VISION CARE
33,105	5,083	68,478
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

23,841	21,384	6,550
PATIENTS WITH ASTHMA	PATIENTS WITH HEART DISEASE	PATIENTS WITH HIV

68,369	75.2%	144,778	66.7%
PATIENTS WITH DIABETES	PATIENTS WITH DIABETES CONTROLLED	PATIENTS WITH HYERTENSION	PATIENTS WITH HYERTENSION CONTROLLED



PREVENTATIVE CARE

51,406	105,991
CHILDREN ATTENDED WELL-CHILD VISITS	PATIENTS RECEIVED IMMUNIZATIONS AND SEASONAL FLU VACCINES



STATE-OF-THE-ART PRACTICES

84.0%	96.0%	(15.0%)
HEALTH CENTERS PROVIDING PHARMACY SERVICES	HEALTH CENTERS PROVIDING TELEHEALTH CARE	YEARLY GROWTH IN TELEHEALTH VISITS

SUMMARY OF 2023 ECONOMIC IMPACT AND TAX REVENUE

		Employment (# of FTEs)	Economic Impact	State & Local Tax Revenues	Federal Tax Revenues
Community Impact	Direct	4,789	\$796,407,142	\$12,585,395	\$84,462,402
	Indirect	2,189	\$323,430,364	\$7,201,220	\$26,550,997
	Induced	1,941	\$335,861,279	\$11,890,199	\$25,199,971
	Total	8,919	\$1,455,698,786	\$31,676,815	\$136,213,371
				\$167,890,185	

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 2023 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.
- “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, 2023 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. Affinity Health Center
2. Beaufort-Jasper-Hampton Comprehensive Health Services, Inc.
3. CareSouth Carolina, Inc.
4. Careteam Plus, Inc.
5. Carolina Health Centers, Inc.
6. Community Medicine Foundation
7. Cooperative Health, Inc.
8. Family Health Centers
9. Fetter Health Care Network, Inc.
10. Foothills Community Health Care
11. Genesis Healthcare, Inc.
12. Health Care Partners of South Carolina, Inc.
13. HopeHealth, Inc.
14. Little River Medical Center, Inc.
15. Low Country Health Care System, Inc.
16. New Horizon Family Health Services, Inc.
17. Plexus Health
18. ReGenesis Health Care
19. Rosa Clark Medical Clinic, Inc.
20. Rural Health Services, Inc.
21. Sandhills Medical Foundation, Inc.
22. South Carolina Agricultural Worker Health Program
23. St. James Health & Wellness
24. Tandem Health
25. Unity Health On Main