



# The Benefit Of Community Health Centers in Oklahoma



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# What is an FQHC

Federally Qualified Health Centers are safety net primary care and specialty community health centers that are funded through the federal government and a valuable part of the Affordable Care Act.

Our charter is to provide low-cost, high-quality primary care to all community members, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay, without compromising patient safety or quality of care.



# The Beginning



Community health centers originated as “neighborhood health centers” under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, established as part of the federal government’s War on Poverty but was amended by the Health Centers Consolidation Act of 1996, Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act as part of the enhanced Medicare and Medicaid programs. Today’s FQHC program is part of the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1989 and expanded in 1990.



# Four Types of Health Centers

- ▶ Federally Qualified Health Centers: Funded under Section 330 (e) and serve a variety of medically underserved populations
  - ▶ Migrant Health Centers: Funded under Section 330 (g), which provide care to migrant and seasonal agricultural workers and their families in a culturally sensitive way
  - ▶ Health Care for the Homeless: Funded under Section 330 (h), which reach out to homeless individuals and families to provide primary care, substance abuse, and mental health services
  - ▶ Public Housing Primary Care Programs: Funded under Section 330(i), which are located in public housing communities and serve their residents
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# Growth of Federally Qualified Health Centers

- Only 8 existed in 1960
- Today there are over 1,128
- Funding increased from \$750 million to \$2.2 Billion
- Encounters have increased to 20 million annually
- Growth expected to increase at 1 percent annually or 200,000 new patients
- Number of community members at the FPL or greater to increase at same level



# It's a Business

Although we are funded by the federal government, the expectation is that we become financially self-sufficient

FQHCs are required to carry professional liability insurance

FQHCs are required to purchase from local economies

FQHCs hire locally and contribute as members of the community

FQHCs are surveyed every 36 months against 19 program requirements with over 250 sub-sections

FQHCs receive independent audits annually to assure compliance with all federal funding guidelines and Generally Accepted Accounting Principals (GAAP)



# Community Health Center of Northeast Oklahoma, Inc

- First applied in 2009
  - Turned down by Federal Grant Reviewer four times
  - Approved in 2013
  - First site opened in Afton
  - Second site opened in Grove in 2016
  - Third site opened in Welch in October 2017
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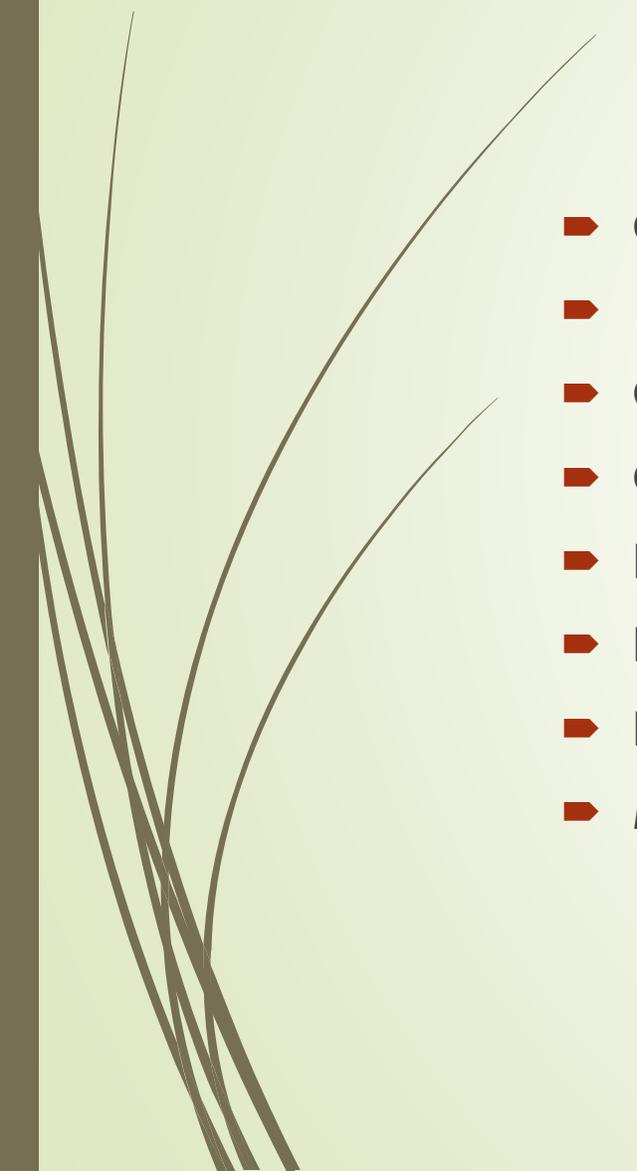
# Sevices



- ▶ Family Medicine Concept
- ▶ Behavioral Health with emphasis on adolescents
- ▶ EKG
- ▶ Pulmonary Function testing
- ▶ Diabetes management
- ▶ Minor procedures
- ▶ Vaccines for Children (vaccines provided by state)
- ▶ Pneumovax injections for seniors
- ▶ Shingles Vaccine
- ▶ Flu Shots



# Governance

- ▶ Community based Board of Directors
  - ▶ 12 Member maximum
  - ▶ CEO reports to the Chair of the Board
  - ▶ CEO is non-voting member of the BOD
  - ▶ BOD approves strategic plan and budget
  - ▶ Has hiring and firing capability of CEO only
  - ▶ Protected by Professional Liability Insurance
  - ▶ May serve up to 3 three year terms
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# What do we offer?

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- Provide patient centered primary care
  - Save tax dollars (CHC patients are 25 percent less likely to use ERs)
  - Excel at providing cancer screening and depression screening
  - Fewer incidents of low birth weights
  - Emphasize preventive medicine
  - Provide care to 185,000 patients with over 620,000 visits
  - Provided over \$21 Million in sliding fee discounts
  - Contracted to provide care to VA patients
  - Reduced Home Health visits