

# What it means to be a Community Health Center

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# What do CHCs do?

Maternity and prenatal care

Laboratory and referrals for  
pharmacy and radiology

Integrated behavioral  
and oral healthcare



Preventive, developmental and  
diagnostic services for children

Adult preventive services

Urgent care for minor trauma

... and more. All provided in a team-based setting by culturally competent staff.

# Why are CHCs important?

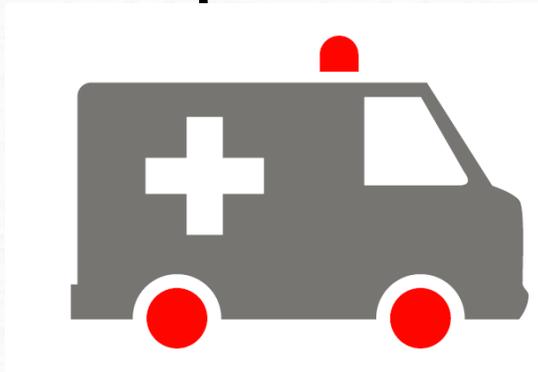
- Our clinics are located in a rural region where access to care was previously limited.
- We see patients regardless of their ability to pay or their insurance status.
- We offer a sliding-fee scale for all eligible patients.

**Our CHC patients below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level:**

**67%**

# How do CHCs meet the Triple Aim?

## Better patient experience



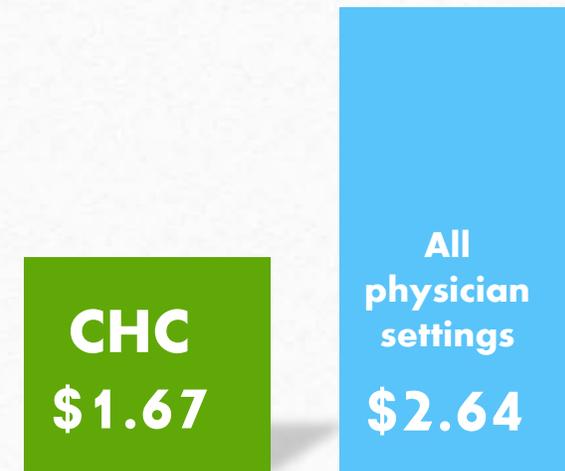
Based on Colorado data, Medicaid patients seen at a CHC are one-third less likely to have an emergency room visit, an inpatient hospitalization or a preventable hospital admission.

## Improved health outcomes



CHCs are leading the way in achieving national quality goals set by Healthy People 2020.

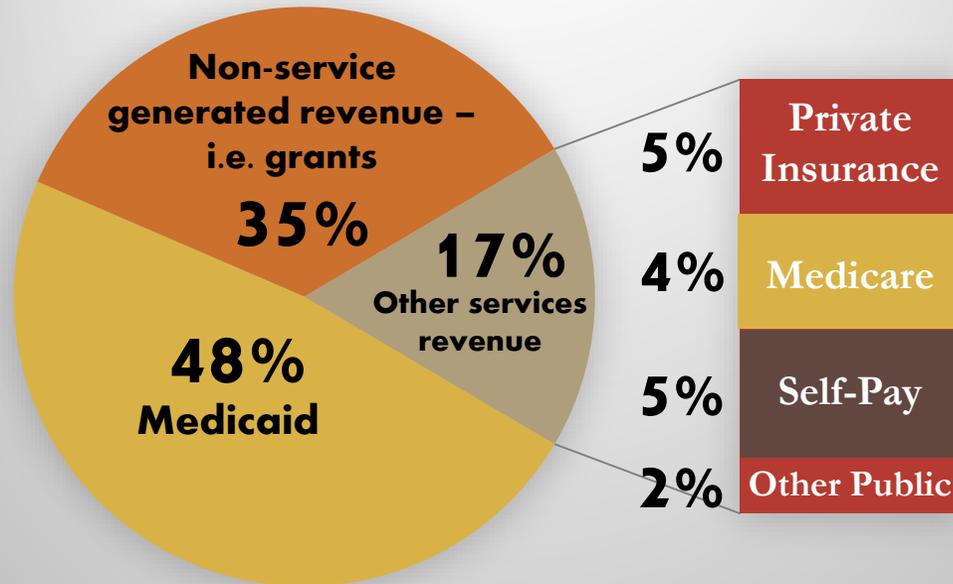
## Lower costs



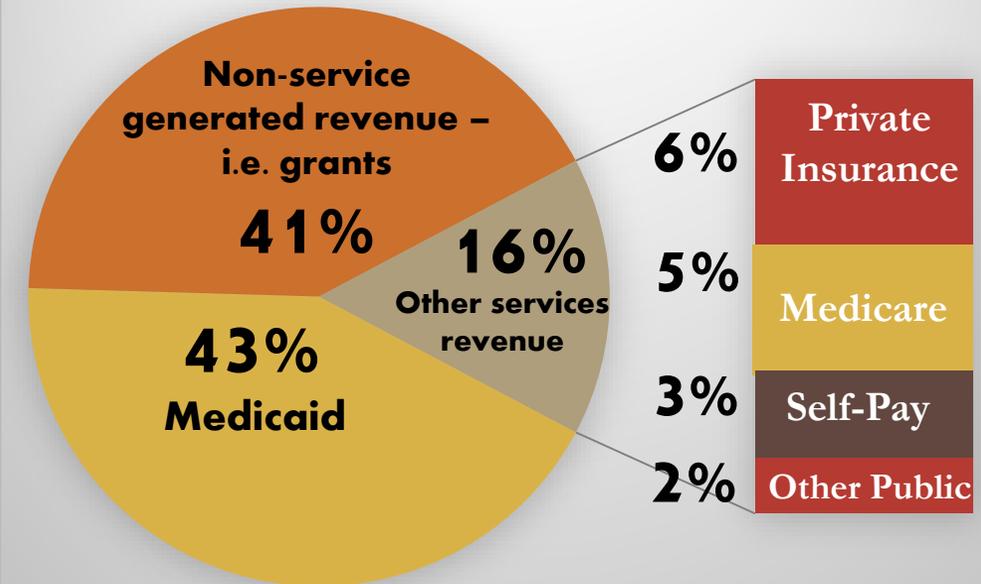
CHC costs nationally are at least a dollar less per patient per day, compared to all physician settings.

# How are CHCs funded?

## CHC funding nationally



## AHS CHC funding



# How do our CHCs make a meaningful difference?

- Integration of primary, behavioral and oral healthcare
- Extensive services to respond to social determinants of health, including:
  - Healthcare for the Homeless
  - Nutrition counseling
  - Outreach & enrollment
  - Community care coordination

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## Axis Health System's 3 CHC sites are:

**La Plata Integrated Healthcare**



**AHS Oral Health Clinic**



**Cortez Integrated Healthcare**



# What's being said about Colorado CHCs?

“ From Greeley and Alamosa, to Grand Junction and Denver, these systems serve as models of healthcare delivery by promoting primary care and providing medical homes for individuals, thus reducing utilization of emergency departments and hospital admissions. They more effectively manage chronic disease, promote the health of the population and aggressively manage costs. ”

**– John Hickenlooper**

Governor, in *Solutions for a Stronger Colorado*

