



Community health centers are non-profit, safety-net primary care providers that serve patient populations who otherwise confront financial, geographic, language, and cultural barriers accessing health care services. Since 1972, the Rhode Island Health Center Association has supported our members as they provide high quality, affordable primary to care to the most vulnerable populations. The following facts will illustrate the valuable service the community health centers provide to all Rhode Islanders.

Health Center Facts

In 2008, community health centers served over 112,000 patients in Rhode Island. In addition, community health centers provided over 417,000 patient visits. (2008 Uniform Data System)

The Rhode Island Health Center Association has ten organizational members:

- Blackstone Valley Community Health Care
- Block Island Health Services
- Chad Brown Health Center
- Comprehensive Community Action Program
- East Bay Community Action Program
- Well One (formerly Northwest Community Health Care)
- Providence Community Health Centers
- Thundermist Health Center
- Tri-Town Community Action Agency
- Wood River Health Services

Leading the way...

In Dental Care

The health centers treated nearly 31,000 adults and children throughout Rhode Island through over 85,000 dental visits including oral examinations, emergency visits, and preventative services. This is a dramatic increase from the capacity in 2003, when the health center dental population was fewer than 10,000 patients. There are currently 69 dental operatories at the centers. Since 1998, community health centers have made a dental capital investment of well over \$5 million including the recent additions to Blackstone Valley Community Health Care’s location in Pawtucket and Northwest Community Health Care in Pascoag.

In Electronic Health Records

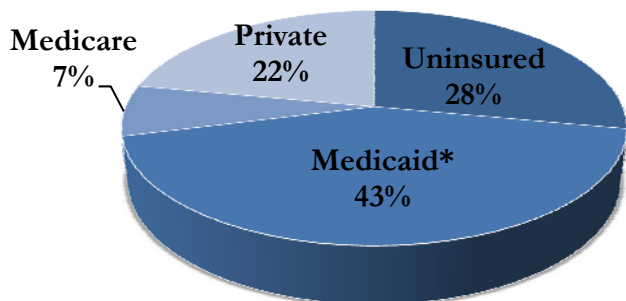
Seven of Rhode Island’s health centers have adopted an electronic health record (EHR). Electronic medical records improve efficiency and clinical outcomes, aid in quality improvement, and streamline resource management.

In Chronic Care

All community health centers participate in the Rhode Island Chronic Care Collaborative (RICCC), an in-state collaborative effort to examine innovative ways to manage patients with chronic illnesses.

The Chronic Care Sustainability Initiative of Rhode Island (CSI-RI), funded by the Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS) with the goal of improving the delivery of primary care services to those with chronic illness through advancing the patient-centered medical home concept, included a community health center site as one of the five medical practices selected for participation in the project.

Insurance Source



*Includes RIte Care