



WHY HEALTH CENTERS MATTER

BALTIMORE MEDICAL SYSTEM, INC.

Health Center Fact Sheet

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 Baltimore, MD 21229

Belair-Edison Family Health Center
 3120 Erdman Avenue
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 3700 Fleet Street, Suite 200
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School Based Health Centers:

- Maritime Industries Academy
- Friendship Academy of Science & Technology
- Collington Square Elementary/ Middle School
- Tench Tilghman Elementary/ Middle School
- Dr. Rayner Browne Academy
- East Baltimore Community School
- Northwestern Senior High School
- Harford Heights Schools

Services:

- Adult & Pediatric Primary Care, Internal Medicine, Family Practice, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Behavioral Health, Referrals to Specialty Care, On-site Pharmacies, Discounted Medication, Financial Assistance, Health Benefits Advisors, Deaf Services, Outreach & Access Services, School-Based Health, and Interpreters for Limited English Speaking

Community Health Centers improve access to care for the nation's most medically underserved. Community Health Centers ensure that over 20 million underserved patients have a place for primary and preventive care. Also known as Federally-Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), health centers care for 1 out of every 7 Medicaid beneficiaries nationally. Health centers offer comprehensive primary and preventive health care services that propel system-wide cost savings and improve patient health.

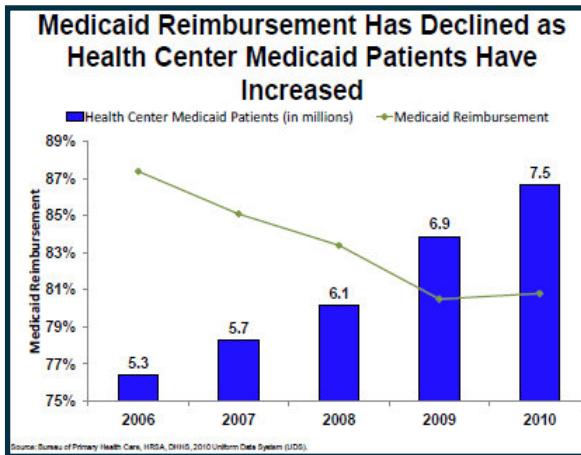
DELIVERING SAVINGS

Medicaid beneficiaries relying on Health Centers are 19% less likely to use the emergency room and 11% less likely to be hospitalized for preventable conditions. As a result, health centers save the federal-state Medicaid program \$6 billion annually.

In Maryland, Health Centers serve 15% of Medicaid patients with only 1.2% of Medicaid expenditures.

THE IMPORTANCE OF ADEQUATE MEDICAID PAYMENTS

As the largest insurer of health center patients, adequate Medicaid payments are essential to a center's solvency. Over the years, Medicaid reimbursement has decreased at a time when health centers are serving more Medicaid patients.



ESTIMATED AFFORDABLE CARE ACT IMPACT

By 2017, MACHC estimates that Baltimore City will have roughly 65,000 newly insured residents as a result of the Affordable Care Act. Around 16,550 newly insured residents will reside in the communities that are served by Baltimore Medical System, Inc. Of these 16,550, roughly 11,550 will be under 200 percent of the poverty line. Of those under 200 percent of the poverty line, MACHC estimates that 8,400 will be under 133 percent of the poverty line and eligible to receive Medicaid.

STATE HEALTH IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

In response to the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid expansion, Community Health Centers in Maryland are creating task forces responsible for moving forward with Federal requirements and closely examining how to implement major provisions such as health insurance exchanges and insurance reforms.

Quick Facts
 Baltimore Medical System, Inc.

6 Health Center Site Locations
 8 School-Based Health Centers
 Serving 45,104 Patients
 15% Uninsured
 56% Medicaid
 11% Medicare
 Employing 385 Staff Members

Sources: Baltimore Medical System, Inc. & HRSA, 2010 Uniformed Data System (UDS)

PROSPECTIVE PAYMENT SYSTEM (PPS)

Medicaid PPS was established by Congress with the intent of ensuring appropriate payment for covered individuals while not forcing health centers to cross-subsidize Medicaid out of their federal grants. This unique payment system is critical to the continued success of Health Centers in providing cost-savings primary and preventive care, not only to their Medicaid patients but to all uninsured individuals.

Without a unique PPS rate, inadequate payment for the Health Center patients covered by Medicaid, combined with the extremely limited payment for patients who are uninsured, would quickly cause Health Centers to lose viability.