

Regional Primary Care Coalition

Prince George's County
Community Health Center Collaborative
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An experienced learning organization and active collaborator committed to reducing health disparities and promoting health equity in the National Capital region.

RPCC is a unique collaboration of local philanthropies, primary care associations and more than 50 health care providers serving the region's lower-income residents in the District of Columbia, Northern Virginia and suburban Maryland. RPCC is committed to advancing regional partnerships, policies and practices to:

- Improve population health.
- Address the underlying determinants of health.
- Eliminate disparities rooted in racial, ethnic and socio-economic causes.
- Promote health equity across the region.

Federally Qualified Health Centers

“Federally Qualified Health Centers are community-based health care providers that receive funds from HRSA’s Health Center Program to provide primary care services in underserved areas. They must meet a stringent set of requirements, including providing care on a sliding fee scale based on ability to pay and operating under a governing board that includes patients.”

– *Health Resources and Services Administration*

Comprehensive Health Services

CHCs serve adults and children and most provide the following services:

- primary medical
- behavioral health care
- oral health care
- pre-natal care, family planning and other reproductive health services
- pharmacy and lab services
- “wrap-around” services including case management, patient education and other patient and family supports

Health Center Financing

- FQHCs receive an annual grant that comprises only 10 to 15% of the total budget.
- Health Centers generate 50 to 75% of their revenue through fees collected from public and private insurance.
- Patient fees from self-pay patients are less than 10% of revenue, often in the 3 to 5% range.
- Federal, state and local government grants and contracts account for the remainder of FQHC budgets.
- Special projects are often funded by private foundation grants.

Community Health Centers

Community Health Center	Locations	All Patients	Prince George's Residents
CCI Health & Wellness Services	<u>Greenbelt</u> , Takoma Park, Silver Spring, Gaithersburg	34,720	15,125
Elaine Ellis Center of Health	<u>College Park</u> , Northeast DC	5,585	1,583
Family Medical Counseling Services	<u>Seat Pleasant</u> , Anacostia in DC	3,965	1,000
Greater Baden Medical Services	<u>Brandywine</u> , <u>Capitol Heights</u> , <u>Oxon Hill</u> , Charles and St. Mary's Counties	17,793	13,222
La Clinica del Pueblo	<u>Hyattsville</u> , Columbia Heights in DC	4,013	1,516
Mary's Center	<u>Adelphi</u> , Silver Spring, Adams Morgan, Petworth and Fort Totten in DC	52,698	14,099

Essential Community Service Providers

- Collectively, these six FQHCs served 118,774 patients in 2022; 40% were Prince George's County residents.
- In FY 2022, the FQHCs provided over 53,000 health care visits to low-income, uninsured residents that met Health Assures criteria including:
 - 37,000 medical visits
 - 2,500 behavioral health visits
 - 6,700 dental visits
 - 6,850 telehealth visits

Contributing to Health and Economic Resources in Prince George's County

Community Health Centers play a role in addressing the health care workforce shortage by creating jobs and training opportunities to build a diverse health care workforce.

- Employ over **322** Prince George's County residents
- Recruit and hire clinicians and behavioral health professionals to practice in the County
- Provide training opportunities for health professionals including:
 - medical residency programs;
 - clinical rotations for social workers;
 - training and employment for medical assistants and community health workers.

Health Assures Partnership

- The PGC Health Department established Health Assures with \$250,000 seed money from its budget.
- PGC Healthcare Alliance contracted with six FQHCs to provide primary medical and behavioral health care for low-income, uninsured adults and children. Dental care was added in 2022.
- Health Assures funding increased to \$5.6 million in 2022. It was supplemented by funding earmarked for Covid-related services for any resident that need them.
- Reimbursement rates for medical and dental visits increased to \$180 per visit, which remains below the averaged \$270 cost.
- Health Assures is currently funded at \$5 million for 2023 and 2024. The cost of care for patient visits is not fully funded for the year. As of February 2023, there is a funding gap of \$1,255,540.

Health Assures Eligibility

There are an estimated 90,000 to 96,000 uninsured Prince Georges County residents. As many as 80% of these are ineligible for any subsidized health coverage.

- Uninsured adults and children residing in Prince George's County
- Ineligible for Medicaid or other subsidized health programs
- Income at or below 200% Federal Poverty Level

Health Assures Annual Visits

Fiscal Year	Health Assures Eligible Visits	Cost at \$90 For Medical *Cost at \$180 for Medical & Dental	Unduplicated Health Assures Eligible Patients	Health Assures Funding Allocation	Visits Funded with Allocation	Estimated Funding Gap
FY 2018	16,726	\$1,505,340	5,913	\$117,500	1,306	-\$1,387,840
FY 2019	31,752	\$2,857,680	11,156	\$250,000	2,778	-\$2,607,680
FY 2020	24,140	\$2,172,600	9,853	\$250,000	2,778	-\$1,922,600
FY 2021	48,021	\$4,321,890	18,701	\$250,000	2,778	-\$3,821,890
COVID Cares Fund 2022	7,831		4,866	\$2,280,000	Funds were used to support visits and other Covid-related activities.	
FY 2022	53,188		44,940	\$2,800,000	Funds were fully expended by December 2021.	
FY 2023*	40,246	\$6,255,540		\$5,000,000	Funds were fully expended by February 2023.	

Data Source through 2022: Prince George's County Healthcare Alliance

*2023 Data as of February 2023.

Investing in Health for All Residents

- Fully funding the Health Assures Program at \$10 million level will ensure that low-income, uninsured residents can access medical care, behavioral health services and dental care before they become critically ill.
- Fewer people will need to go to the hospital, reducing overall healthcare costs.
- The human return on investment is a healthy workforce, healthier children, less burdened families and thriving communities.
- When Community Health Centers are compensated fairly, they can expand hours and services or consider new endeavors such as establishing school-based health and wellness centers.