



BKD National Health Care Group

FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS (FQHCS)

An Overview





FQHC BACKGROUND

- Receives grant under Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act (PHS)
- Safety net providers that primarily engage in providing services typically furnished in an outpatient clinic
- Various types including (not limited to): community health centers, migrant health centers and health care for the homeless centers
- Must serve a medically underserved area or population
- Required to offer a sliding fee scale
- Required to have a governing board of directors



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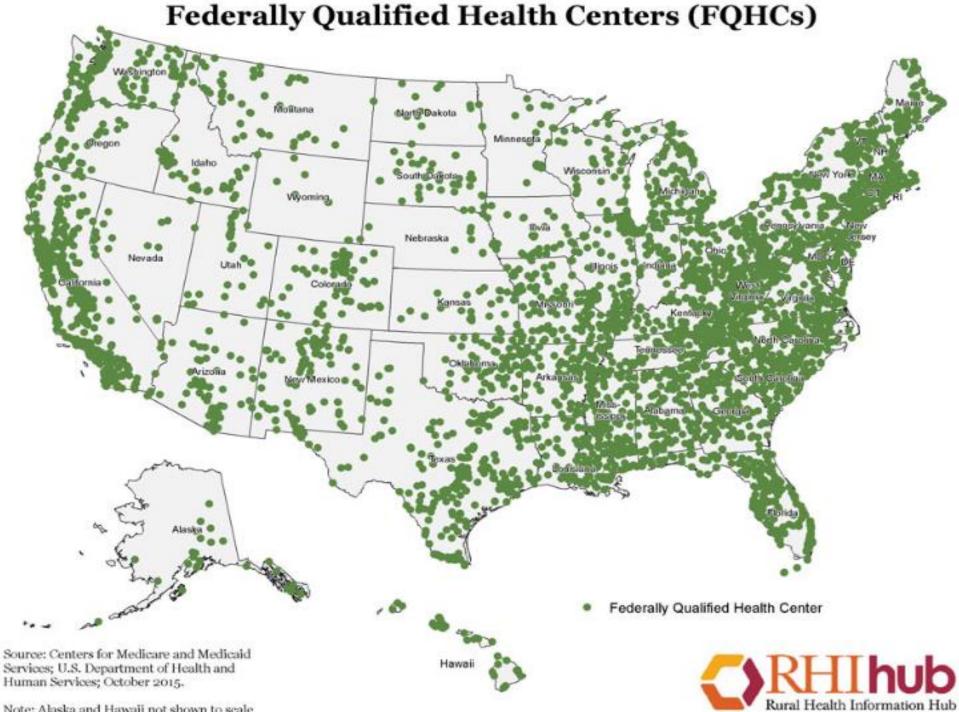
- Related organization types
 - Certain tribal organizations & FQHC Look-Alikes (an organization that meets PHS Section 330 eligibility requirements, but does not receive grant funding)
- Health Human Services (HHS)
 - Health Resources and Services Administration
 - Bureau of Primary Health Care
- Program purpose is to enhance the provision of primary care services in medically-underserved urban and rural communities



REIMBURSEMENT SYSTEM

- Complex
- Medicare
 - Flat amount per face-to-face encounter under a Prospective Payment System (PPS)
 - Cost report
- Medicaid
 - Varies by State
- Commercial
 - Typically Fee-for-Service (FFS)





Note: Alaska and Hawaii not shown to scale

CHALLENGES OR OPPORTUNITIES





GENERALLY SPEAKING

- Difficulty accessing specialty care for patients
- Patients challenged in obtaining and complying
- Infrastructure
- Capacity concerns



MEDICARE TELEHEALTH SERVICES: CURRENT STATE

- FQHCs authorized as originating sites only
- Are not authorized to serve as a distant site for telehealth consultations
 - May not bill or include the cost of a visit on the cost report
- Originating site facility fee will be subject to Part B deductible
- Telecommunications system
 - Interactive audio & visual
 - Real time
 - Patient must be present
- Utilize HCPCs code Q3014 & 780 revenue code



PARTNERSHIP

- Accustomed to collaboration
- Experienced in dealing with various funding/payer streams
- Seeking solutions for patients
- Mission minded often = Innovation





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