

EFS & Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC)

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Community Health Centers (CHC's) or FQHC'S

- * are part of a national network of primary care providers established by a community coming together to implement a health care delivery model providing quality health care for those with little to no access to health care services.

Today, America's Health Centers serve over 22 million patients in 9,000 health center sites.

Core Mandates for FQHC's

- * Not-For-Profit Organization with a Voluntary Board of Directors
- * Located in a federally designated Medically Underserved Area (MUA) or a Medically Underserved Population (MUP)
- * Offer comprehensive primary health care services (Medical/Dental/Behavioral Health)
- * Offer a Sliding Scale Fee Discount Program and accept Medicare, Medicaid and most Third Party Insurances.

CHC'S are Patient-Centered Medical Homes

- **Family Oriented Adult, Pediatric and Elderly Care Services**
- **OB/GYN Care**
- **Primary/Preventive Dental**
- **Annual Physical Exams**
- **Preventive Services (Pap Smears, PSA, etc.)**
- **Immunizations**
- **Family Planning Services**
- **Health Promotion/Disease Prevention**

CHC'S are Patient-Centered Medical Homes

- Pharmacy
- Laboratory
- Referrals to Specialty Care
- Health Fairs and Community Screenings
- Disease Screening and Management
- Health Education
- Outreach

CHCs in Texas

Texas is home to **70 FQHCs**, including 2 Look-Alikes, with more than **350 primary care service delivery sites**.

4,133,700
patient visits
in 2013

Medical visits	=	3,063,118
Dental visits	=	536,588
Mental health visits	=	193,633
Substance Abuse visits	=	37,019
Other Professional Visits	=	34,578
Vision Services	=	16,660
Other Professional Services	=	36,713
Case Management & Patient Education visits	=	255,104

Texas CHC Patients

Total Texans Served in 2013:

1,091,741

Patient Insurance

Medicare	7%
Other Public/CHIP	7%
Private	10%
Medicaid	25%
Uninsured	51%

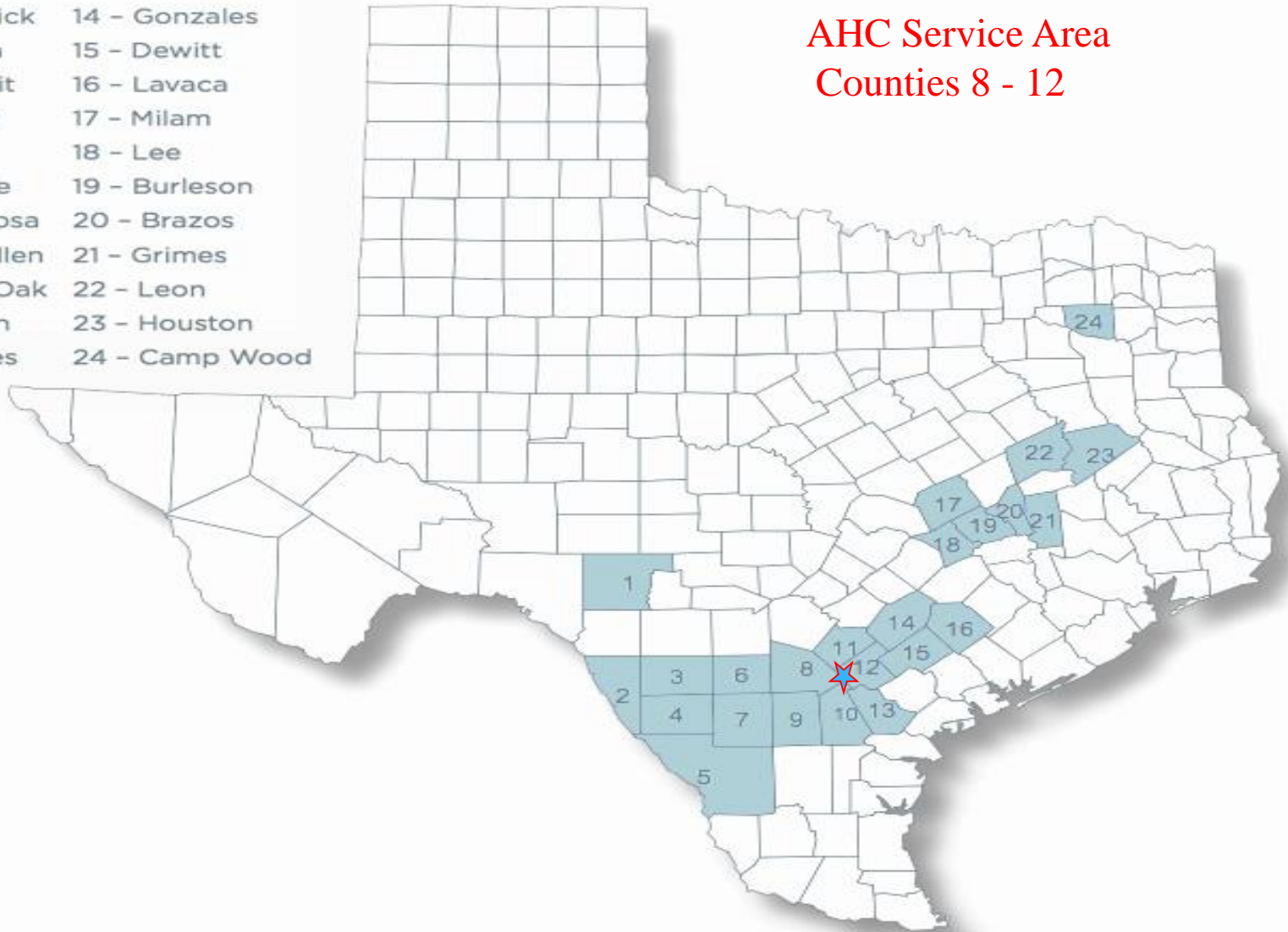
Over 200% FPL	6%
151-200%	6%
101 -150%	15%
100% FPL & Below	73%

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Shale Counties

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|-----------------|----------------|
| 1 - Edwards | 13 - Bee |
| 2 - Maverick | 14 - Gonzales |
| 3 - Zavala | 15 - Dewitt |
| 4 - Dimmit | 16 - Lavaca |
| 5 - Webb | 17 - Milam |
| 6 - Frio | 18 - Lee |
| 7 - LaSalle | 19 - Burleson |
| → 8 - Atascosa | 20 - Brazos |
| → 9 - McMullen | 21 - Grimes |
| → 10 - Live Oak | 22 - Leon |
| → 11 - Wilson | 23 - Houston |
| → 12 - Karnes | 24 - Camp Wood |

AHC Service Area
Counties 8 - 12



Impact

- * New undiagnosed chronic conditions
- * Increase in number of uncontrolled diabetics, hypertensive, joint and back pain patients from over use, and allergies/asthma patients.
- * Increase in Same Day Services (Pre-employment and DOT Physicals, Pregnancy Testing, STD, etc.)
- * Patients are hard to schedule, usually come in as walk-ins because their time off is limited.
- * New Patient demand (Families)
- * Increase Referrals/Immunizations (Tripled in some sites) need for additional staff.

Impact

- * Increased Traffic – EMS
- * Due to increased Traffic, Provider & Staff do not want to drive in-between sites
- * New Medical companies coming to the area because of the EFS. (Urgent Care vs. Comprehensive Primary Care)
- * Provider Shortages due to more competition in the area.
- * Housing shortage (Rent \$400 to \$1000 or higher), harder to recruit new providers
- * More patients with the ability to pay for services
- * Losing Staff for higher paying jobs.
- * Staff Security (On-site, Traveling between sites, etc.)

Action

- * Lessons learned from North Dakota
 - * Collecting at time of Service
 - * Bad Debt
- * Collaboration with other Safety Net Providers
- * Partnering with established Fund Raising Foundations.
- * Reaching out to our new partners in the Oil & Gas Industry
- * Redefining our working relationships with our local city, county and State Representatives.
- * Increase Staff compensation to stay competitive
- * Installation of Security Systems

Thank You

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