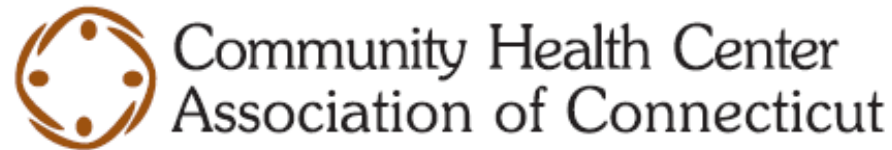


# Connecticut's Federally-Qualified Health Centers

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The Community Health Center Association of Connecticut (CHCACT) works with Connecticut's health centers to help them continue to provide high-quality care to people in our state.

*"We help health centers do what they do, better."*





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***What is a community health center?***  
***Community health centers are your place to***  
*get and stay healthy!*

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***Primary Care Provider***  
***Counselor***

***Behavioral Health Provider***

***Women's Health Provider***

***Pediatrician***

***Dentist***

***...and more!***

***Insurance Enrollment***

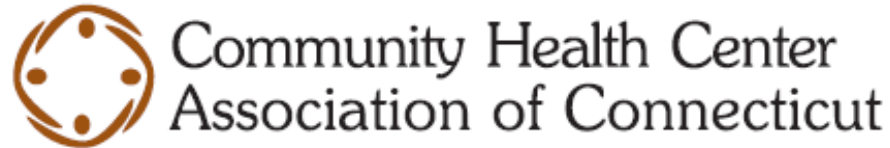
***Care Manager***

***Vision Specialist***

***Community Health Worker***



***All under one  
roof!***



## *What is a community health center?*

Community health centers are in your community,  
serving 376,000 people across Connecticut!

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They take:

*Commercial insurance*

*Medicaid/HUSKY*

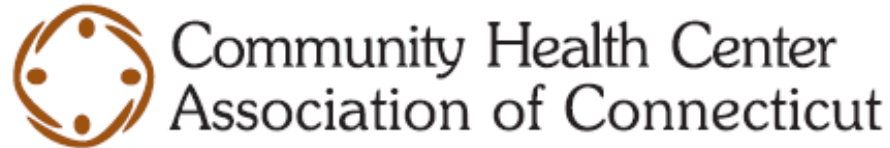
*Medicare/Medicare Advantage*

*Veterans' insurance...*

...and serve people who are uninsured  
on a sliding fee scale.

*Community health centers  
serve all people.  
No one is turned away!*





## *How is the health care?*

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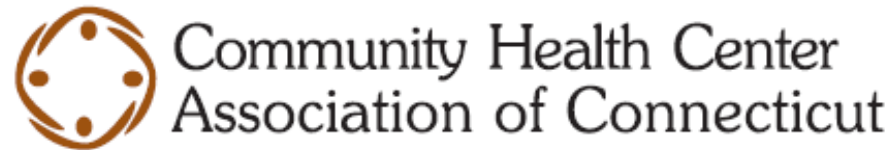
*High quality health care, with almost all health centers Patient-Centered Medical Home recognized*

*Most of CT's health centers are part of a national health care transformation project, called Transforming Clinical Practices Initiative (through CHCACT)*

*Electronic health records and data analytics to track/improve delivery and outcomes*

*Focus on integration across medical, behavioral health and dental*





## *How is the health care?*

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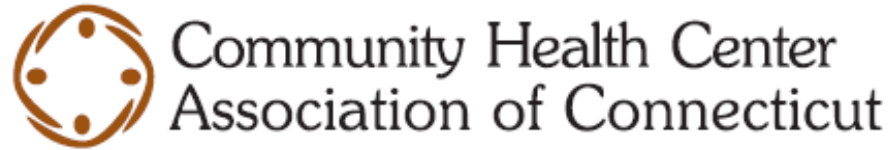
*Health centers collect demographic and clinical data and report it to the federal Bureau of Primary Health Care*

*These data include: diabetes measures, prenatal measures, vaccination rates, tobacco assessment and cessation...and more!*

*All of the data are available to the public at [www.bphc.hrsa.gov](http://www.bphc.hrsa.gov)*

*...so health centers are incented to improve performance!*





## ***Who uses health centers?***

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*Anyone can use a health center. However, because of their history, their mission and their locations, health center patients tend to be disproportionately:*

***Minority***

***Low Income***

***Best served in a language other than English***

***Uninsured***





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## *Who uses health centers?*

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	All CT health centers*	CT
Percent Below Poverty Level	69.3%	10.5%**
Hispanic	45.4%	14.7%**
Racial/Ethnic Minorities	72.6%	22.6%**
Uninsured	16%	6%***



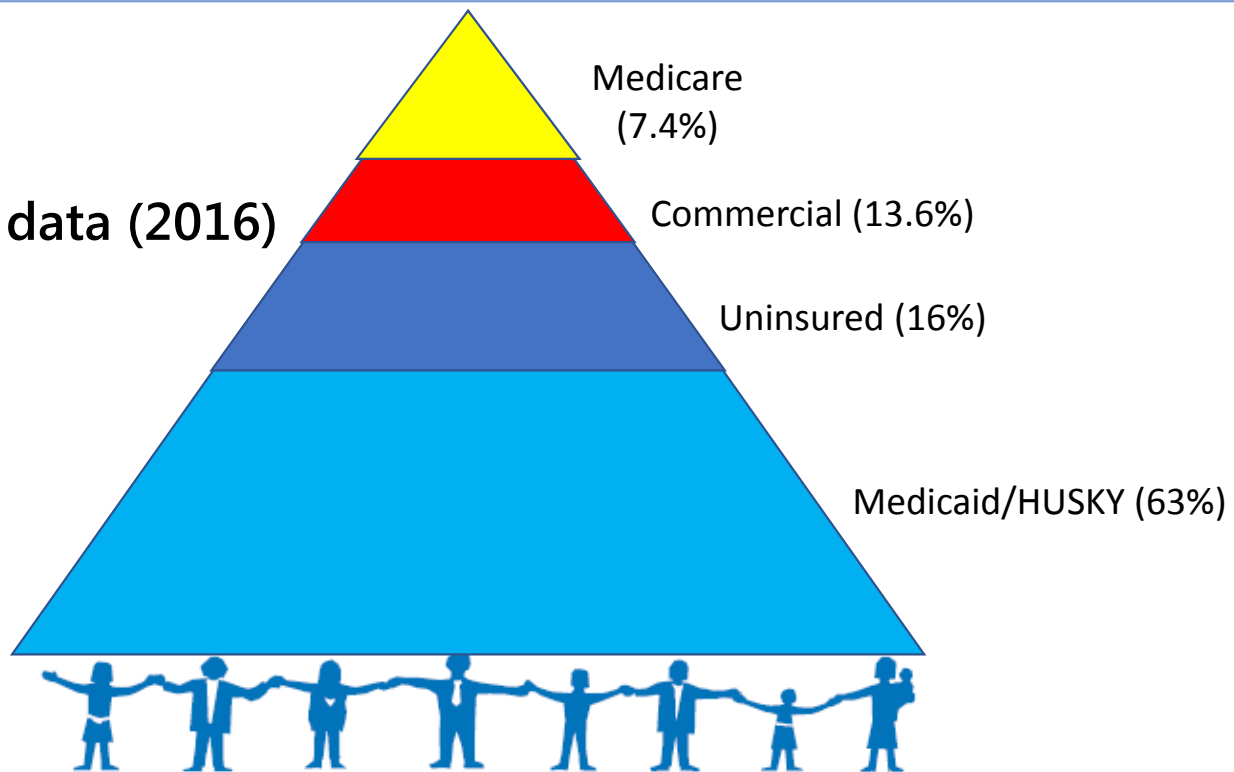


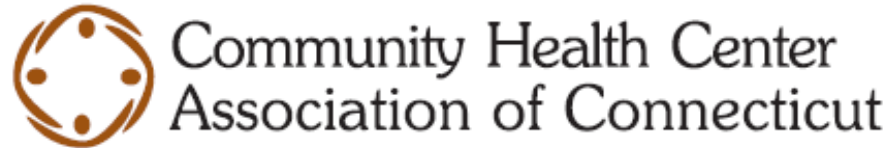


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## *Who uses health centers?*

Connecticut data (2016)





## *Recent federal budget/policy changes impacting health centers*

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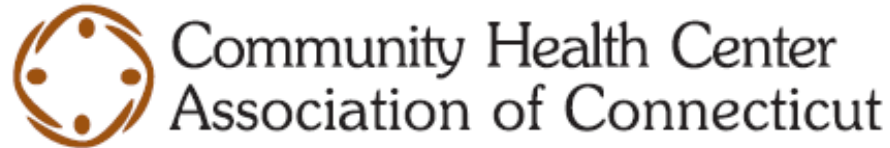
*1) Delayed – but successful! – extension of the Health Center Trust Fund*

*2) Delayed – but successful! – extension of CHIP (CT's HUSKY B)*

*3) Repeal of the individual mandate for 2019*

*4) Shortened Open Enrollment period*





## *What health centers are watching on the federal level*

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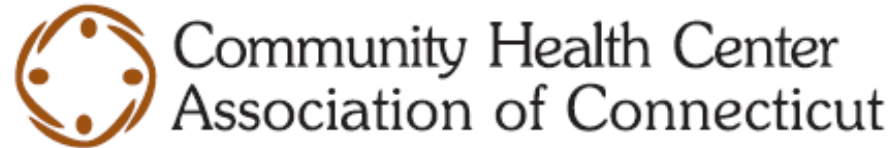
*1) Additional changes to the Affordable Care Act? Shortened Open Enrollment, lower quality insurance plans, changes to subsidies*

*2) Changes to the structure of Medicaid? Block grants, work requirements, time limitations*

*3) More stable funding for health centers, so we don't need to fight every two years*

*4) More funding/resources for substance use disorder treatment*





## *Recent state budget/policy changes impacting health centers*

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*1) Reduction in HUSKY A income limits*

*2) Cap of \$1,000 for adult dental care*

*3) Participation in PCMH+ shared savings program*





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## *What health centers are watching on the state level*

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*1) Proposed cuts to school-based health centers*

*2) Dental regulations around permission slips, marketing and more*

*3) Additional innovation efforts through the State Innovation Model program*





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*Learn more!*

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