

## PROVIDER TYPES

### Federally Qualified Health Centers

FQHCs are nonprofit community-based health care providers that receive grant funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to provide primary care in underserved urban or rural areas. These health centers must adhere to strict guidelines, such as providing services on a sliding fee scale determined by patient income, and operating under a governing board that includes their own patients. <sup>1</sup>

FQHCs offer a wide range of services, including primary care, dental, mental health, substance abuse, and preventive care, to reduce health disparities and improve access to care for underserved populations. FQHCs receive specific reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid programs. FQHCs must report a required set of data annually to the HRSA Uniform Data System (UDS).

FQHCs include community health centers, migrant health centers, health care for the homeless health centers, some tribal health centers, and public housing primary care centers.

FQHC look-alikes meet the eligibility requirements of an FQHC and provide the same comprehensive primary care, but do not receive federal grant funding. FQHC look-alikes do share in other benefits of the health center program, such as similar reimbursement through Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS), reduced drug pricing, free vaccines through the Vaccines for Children Program, and training and technical assistance through HRSA.

Click [here](#) to find FQHCs in your area.

### Reference

1 Health Resources & Services Administration. (n.d.). Federally Qualified Health Centers. Retrieved from <https://www.hrsa.gov/opa/eligibility-and-registration/health-centers/fqhc/index.html>