

Maine's Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), also known as Community Health Centers (CHCs), make up the largest, independent primary care network in the state, providing high quality and accessible primary and preventive medical, behavioral, and dental health services. Across the state, FQHCs are employers, providers, and partners of choice in the communities they serve.

Critical to Maine's Behavioral Health Care System

- Maine FQHCs integrate behavioral health into the health centers' care model, so patients who access primary care services can also receive mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) treatment in a familiar and welcoming environment.
- The holistic, culturally responsive health center approach reduces access barriers and improves patient health outcomes.

Accessible Care in the Most Underserved Areas

- Maine FQHCs collectively have over 80 service sites across the state, including school-based health centers and clinics located at public housing facilities and homeless shelters. Often, they are the only provider offering much needed primary care services in a community.
- Telehealth is offered by 100% of Maine FQHCs and utilized by many patients to access behavioral health services.

Leaders in Statewide Efforts to Address SUD

- In 2019, all Maine FQHCs signed a pledge, acknowledging their efforts to address the opioid epidemic in our state and their commitment to increase access to evidence-based treatment for opioid use disorder.
- FQHCs are innovative providers of choice and are always working to provide services that directly response to the needs of their community. This means low-barrier access to care, medication-assisted treatment services, and more.

Maine

2022 UDS Data

16,300+

FQHC Patients
Received Mental
Health Services

4,800+

FQHC Patients
Received SUD
Treatment

112

Full-Time Equivalent
Behavioral Health
Professionals

80+

MPCA member
service sites across
the FQHC network

