



Federally Qualified Health Centers

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What is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)?

- Private, nonprofit organizations located in medically underserved areas that provide comprehensive primary care services to all individuals regardless of their ability to pay.
- FQHCs are authorized under Section 330 of the Public Health Services Act and qualify for grants from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and special reimbursement provisions in Medicare and Medicaid.

Certification Requirements

- **The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) certifies FQHCs.**
- **Federally qualified health centers are different than rural health clinics (RHC). A facility may not be both a RHC and FQHC.**

To be designated as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), an entity must:

- Serve a designated medically-underserved area or population;
- Offer a sliding fee scale to patients with income below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL);
- Provide comprehensive services;
- Have an ongoing quality assurance program;
- Meet other healthy and safety requirements; and
- Have a governing board of directors of members who receive services at the FQHC.

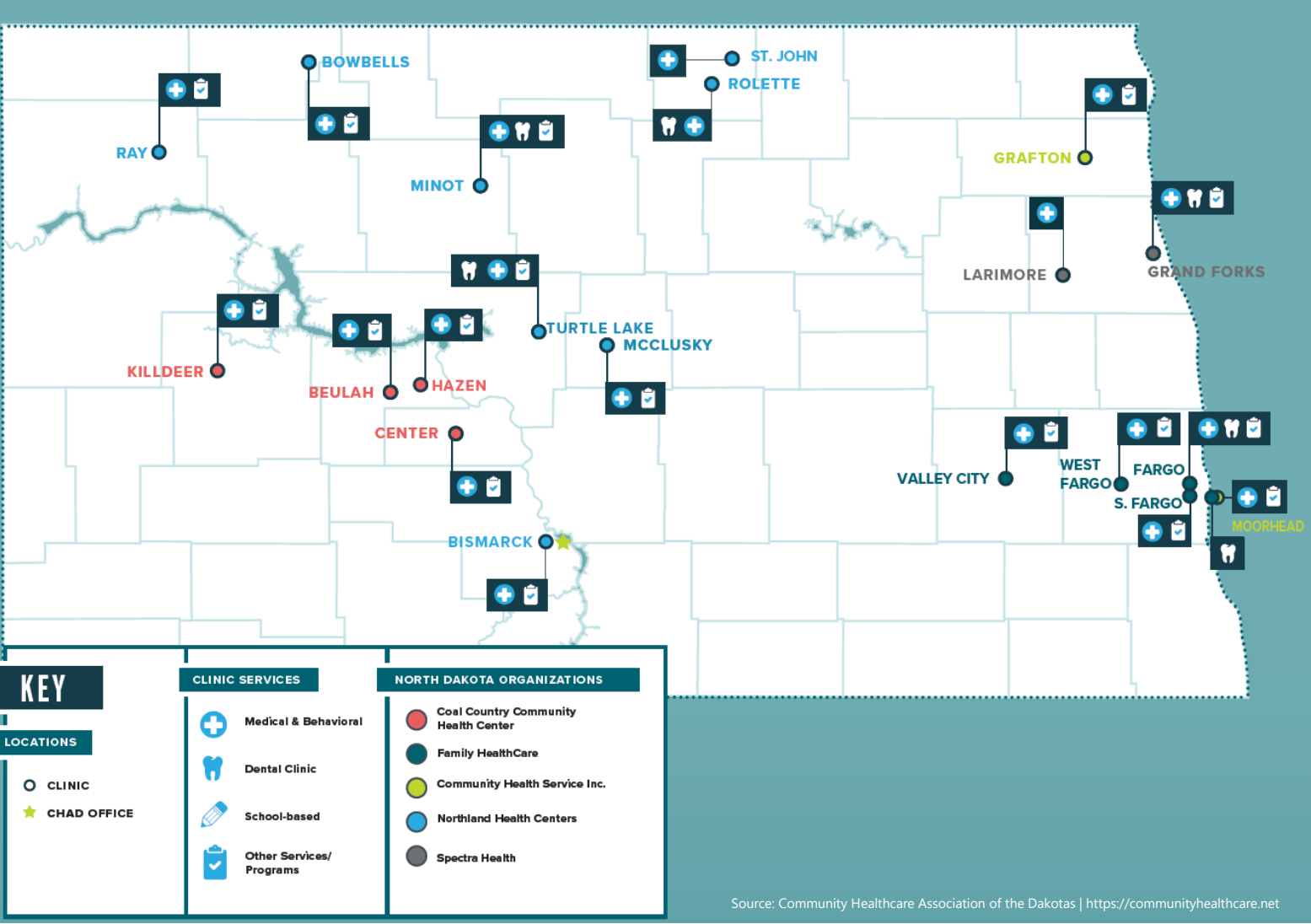
Federally Qualified Health Center Services

FQHCs provide an array of services including:

- Medical Care
- Dental Care
- Behavioral Health Care

FQHCs also assist patients with transportation, interpretation, and other case management and care coordination services.

Locations of Federally Qualified Health Centers in North Dakota

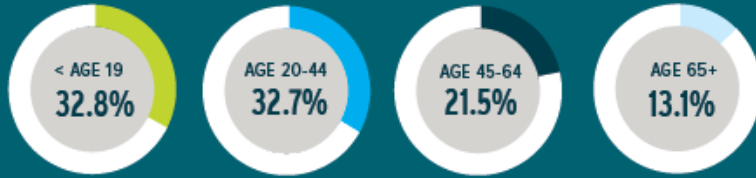


North Dakota has 5 Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) serving multiple locations.

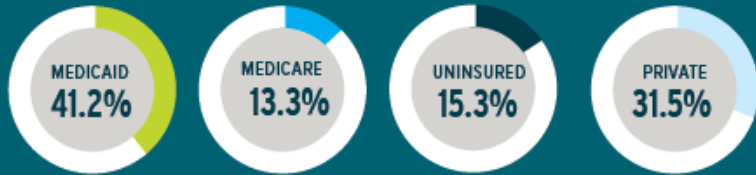
- Coal Country Community Health Center
- Community Health Service, Inc.
- Family HealthCare
- Northland Health Centers
- Spectra Health

Patients Served by North Dakota FQHCs

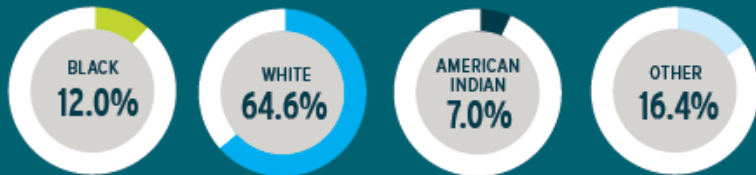
PATIENTS BY AGE



PATIENTS BY PAYOR SOURCE

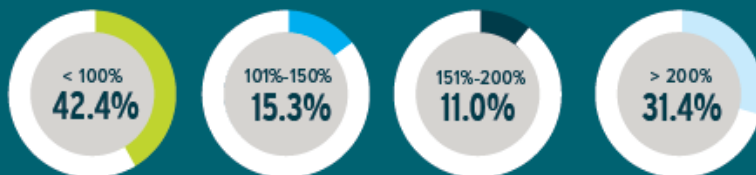


PATIENTS BY RACE



PATIENTS BY POVERTY LEVEL

This represents a distribution of patients for whom income is known. Income is unknown for 47.0% of patients.



- 34,576 Total Patients
- 129,542 Total Visits



- 11,748 Total Patients
- 24,213 Dental Visits

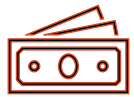
How are FQHCs Paid?

- Medicare and Medicaid use a per diem encounter payment for FQHCs.
- The encounter is a single comprehensive rate for all services.
 - Each FQHC has their own individualized rate.
- Base rate is updated annually by the Medicare Economic Index (MEI).
- ND Medicaid rebased FQHC rates in the last year.

- ND Medicaid allows FQHCs to bill three types of encounters:
 - Medical
 - Behavioral Health
 - Dental
- Encounters are generated by services performed by specific providers and include all services and supplies used during the visit.
- Payment is generally limited to one medical visit, one dental visit, and one behavioral health visit a day.

Senate Bill 2155

APPROPRIATION



\$ 2,000,000 for the 2023-2025 biennium.



DHHS shall award grants from funds appropriated to FQHCs to continue, expand, and improve FQHC services to low-income populations.

LEGISLATIVE STUDY

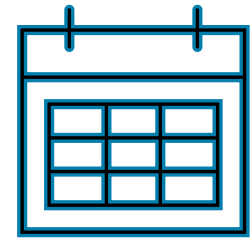


Legislative management to study the possible expansion of FQHCs.



Report findings and recommendations to the 69th legislative assembly.

Progress and Timeline for Distribution



2023

- April → Governor signed SB 2155.
- May → Meeting between CHAD and ND HHS Public Health Division to discuss the process for the funding formula.
- June → CHAD met with FQHCs to agree on a recommendation for the funding formula.
- July → CHAD provided a funding recommendation to the ND HHS Public Health Division.
- Aug → Notice of Grant Awards drafted & are with state fiscal team (6-wk timeframe).
- Sept/Oct → Anticipated distribution of 1st year funds from State.

2024

- March → Annual services data finalized and confirmed by CHAD, shared with State.
- April → End of 1st grant period. State will write new NOAs (6-week timeframe).
- May → FQHCs will need to submit a summary of activities and expenditures through the State PRS system within 45 days after the end of the grant period.
- June → Anticipated distribution of 2nd-year funds from the State.

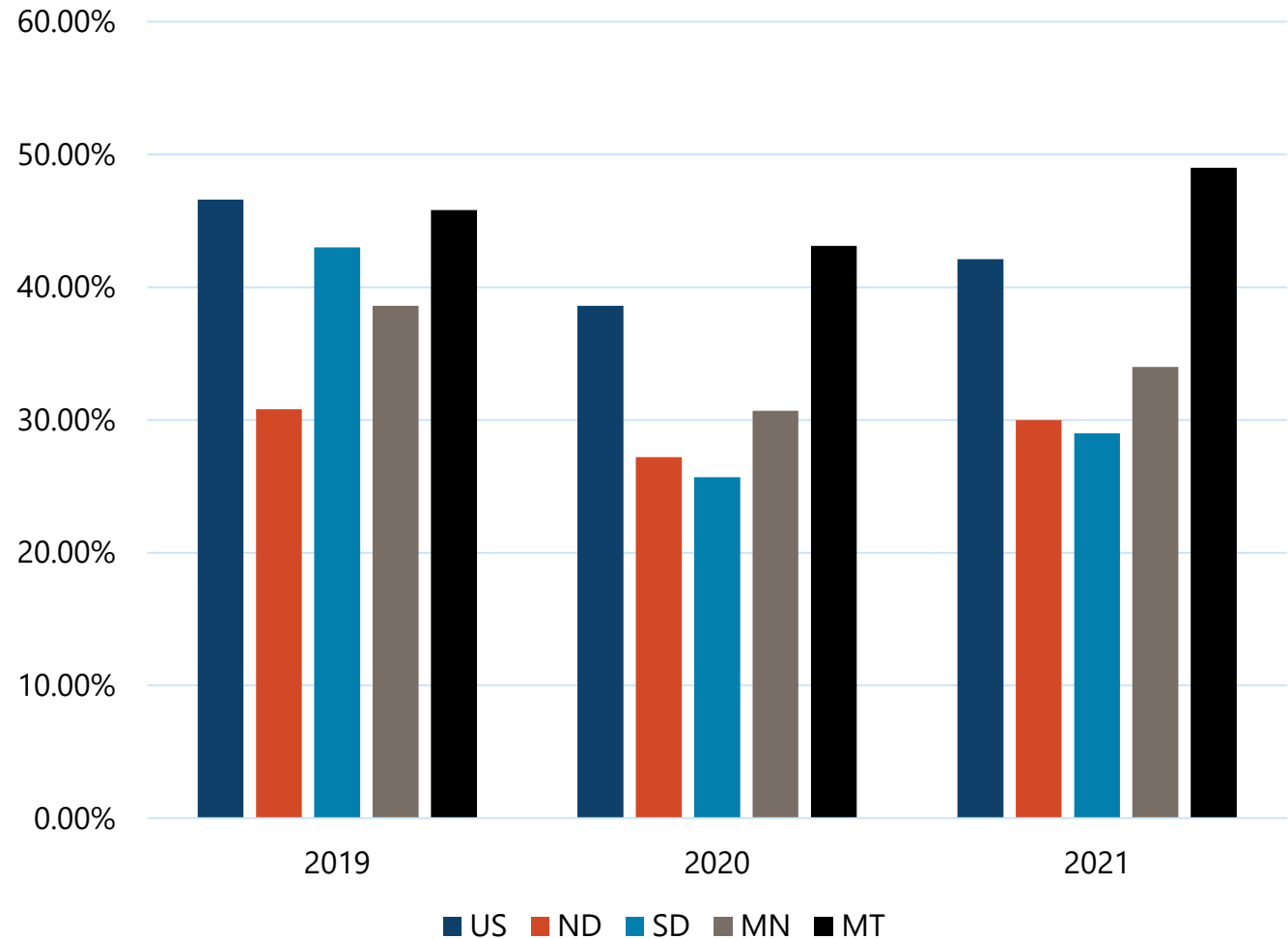
Distribution of Allocated Funding Year 1 (2023)

Name of FQHC	Self Pay Sliding Discounts 2022	Percent ND Patients	Sliding Scale x ND Patients Percent	Annual Allocation with 50% Limit
Coal Country Community Health Center	\$ 241,317	1	\$ 241,317	\$ 155,767
Northland Community Health Center	\$ 151,453	1	\$ 151,453	\$ 97,761
Spectra Health	\$ 258,462	0.809	\$ 209,096	\$ 134,969
Family Health	\$ 4,331,860	0.698	\$ 3,023,638	\$ 500,000
Community Health Services	\$ 1,034,382	0.167	\$ 172,742	\$ 111,503
Total	\$ 6,017,474		\$ 3,798,246	\$ 1,000,000

DHHS FQHC Priorities

- Dental Access
- Workforce
- Care Gaps
- Medicaid Outcomes

Percent of Medicaid Children with a Preventive Dental Service By Year



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