

HEALTH CARE SAFETY NET FACT SHEET



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Please support House Budget Amendment #75 and Senate Budget Amendment #102, which will restore \$3.5 million to the Health Care Safety Net. This funding will ensure that non-profit safety net clinics can continue to provide quality health care to uninsured adults in underserved communities in Tennessee.

Health Care Safety Net Summary

- The Health Care Safety Net Fund partially offsets the cost of medical care for uninsured adults (ages 19-64) at Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), charitable clinics, and the Project Access specialty care networks.
- The Safety Net Fund also partially offsets the cost of some behavioral health visits at FQHCs and dental services (up to two full-mouth cleanings per patient in FY 2017) at charitable clinics.

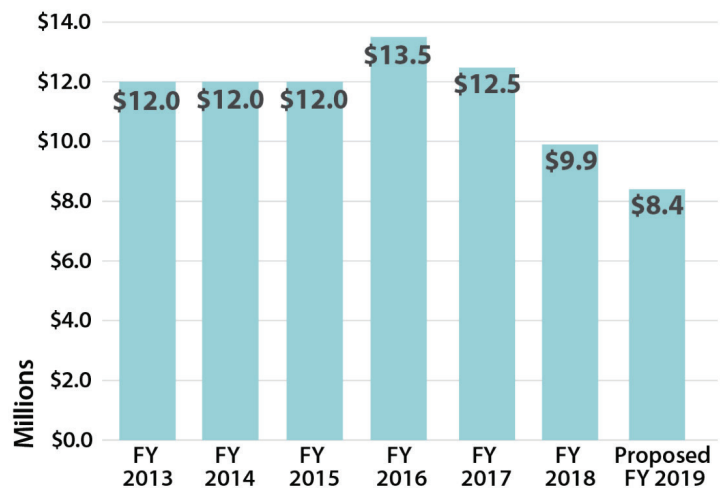
FQHCs

- Tennessee FQHCs employ more than 2,350 full-time employees such as physicians, dentists, clinicians, and administrators. FQHCs are economic engines in their communities, creating jobs, offering accessible healthcare, and preventing more expensive care in the future.
- The per-visit Safety Net payment that FQHCs receive varies by quarter based on the total number of visits reported across the state and the available funding. The per-visit payment amount can range from \$18-\$30.

Charitable Clinics and Project Access Specialty Programs

- With more than 1,100 volunteer health professionals, 2,000 lay volunteers, and millions of dollars worth of free medicines accessed from drug company patient assistance programs, charitable clinics are able to leverage every dollar of Safety Net funds into \$5 of care for their uninsured patients.
- The number of primary care visits provided to uninsured adults by charitable clinics grew 11.3% from FY 2015 to FY 2016.
- The number of emergency extractions by charitable clinics grew by 26% from FY 2015 to FY 2016.
- In FY 2016-17, the four Project Access programs received \$1.74 million in Safety Net funding and coordinated \$53,198,814 in donated health care services, a Return on Investment of \$30.57 of care for every \$1 of grant funding. These programs coordinate specialty care and lab services for 54 health clinics and partner with 30 hospital campuses. Statewide over 4,300 physicians and health care providers volunteer through Project Access programs.

Available Health Care Safety Net Funding¹



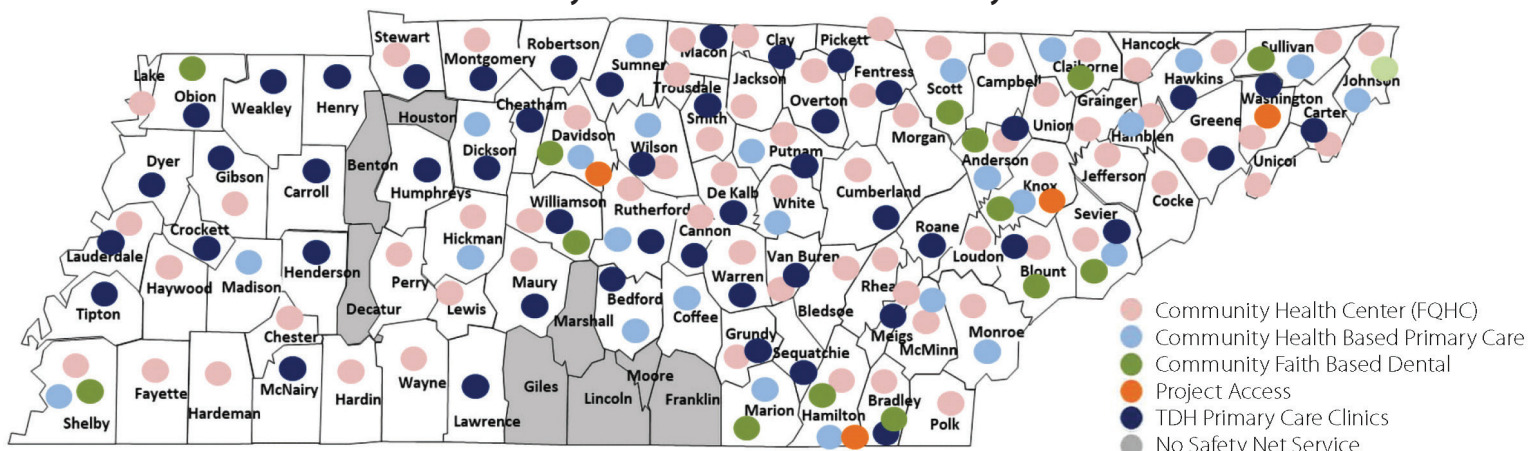
Program Reach

298 SITES FUNDED²

87 TOTAL COUNTIES COVERED

83 RURAL COUNTIES COVERED

Counties with Safety Net Services and TDH Primary Care Clinics 2017¹



¹Data source: *Healthcare Safety Net Update*, TN Department of Health.

²Excludes four Project Access and twenty dental program recipients.

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PATIENT DEMOGRAPHICS AND HEALTH

Health Behaviors and Risk Factors Among Safety Net Patients, 2017¹

Health Indicator	Percentage of Safety Net Patients Exhibiting Selected Health Behaviors and Risk Factors		
	Community Health Center (FQHC)	Community Faith Based Clinic	Emergency Dental Provider
Tobacco Use	34%	32%	41%
Obesity	35%	36%	14%
Physical Inactivity	41%	43%	23%

2017 Safety Net Patient Utilization by Age, Gender and Provider Type¹

Age & Gender	Safety Net Provider Type		
	Community Health Center (FQHC)	Community Faith Based Clinic	Emergency Dental Provider
Ages 19-39	37%	27%	38%
Ages 40-54	40%	44%	35%
Ages 55-64	23%	29%	27%
Female	58%	57%	60%
Male	42%	43%	40%

Chronic Diseases Among Safety Net Patients, 2017¹

Disease	Percentage of Safety Net Patients Exhibiting Selected Health Behaviors and Risk Factors		
	Community Health Center (FQHC)	Community Faith Based Clinic	Emergency Dental Provider
Diabetes	19%	19%	15%
Hypertension	40%	35%	28%
COPD	7%	8%	5%
Hyperlipidemia	20%	17%	16%



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