

# HEALTH CARE SAFETY NET FACT SHEET



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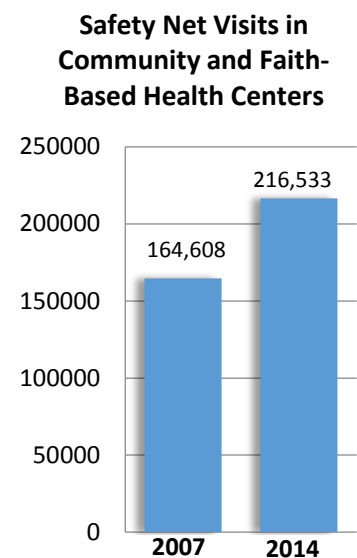
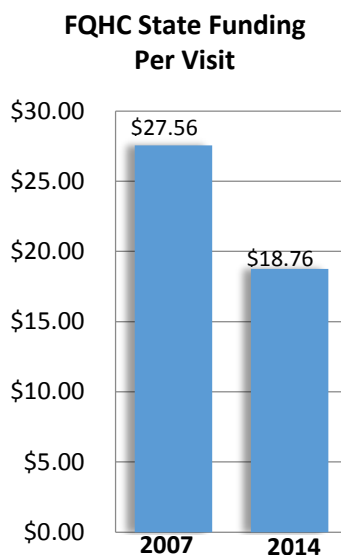
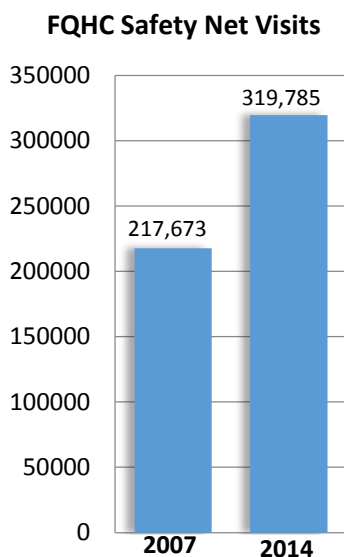
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**The Safety Net was funded at \$13.5 million in FY 2016.**

**The proposed amount for FY 2017 is \$9.3 million, representing a 31% decrease.**

**Please support health centers' budget amendment (Sponsors: Overbey/McDaniel) to restore Safety Net funding.**

- Safety Net funds partially offset the cost of medical care for uninsured adults (ages 19-64) at Community Health Centers, which include Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and community- and faith-based clinics.
- The Health Care Safety Net was originally established to provide primary care for uninsured adults, many of whom were disenrolled from TennCare.
- The Safety Net Fund also supports preventative dental services (up to two full-mouth cleanings per patient in FY 2016) at community and faith-based clinics.
- The number of Safety Net visits has increased substantially over the years: nearly 47% more visits at FQHCs and 31% more visits at community- and faith-based clinics from 2007-2014.
- Increasing visit numbers mean that FQHCs receive significantly less per visit now than they did in the past (\$27.56 in FY 2007 vs. \$18.76 in FY 2014, representing a 32% decrease).
- Investing in primary care for uninsured individuals through the Safety Net Fund can help all Tennesseans find a Health Care Home and contribute to a healthier Tennessee.



Sources: (2007 Data) Tennessee Department of Health Update on the Health Care Safety Net, January 15, 2013  
(2014 Data) Tennessee Department of Health Update on the Health Care Safety Net, February 19, 2014