

FREE & CHARITABLE CLINICS, THE ACA & THE UNDERSERVED



More than **1,200 Free & Charitable Clinics** are located throughout the United States. These clinics which have been around since as early as the 1960's are truly the community's response to the healthcare needs in their area.

- Our clinics receive little to NO state or federal funding; we do not receive HRSA 330 funds and we are NOT Federally Qualified Health Centers or Rural Health Centers.
- Therefore, our clinics rely heavily on the generosity of individual donors, foundations and grants as funding sources.
- Free & Charitable Clinics will remain an important part of the country's safety net, even after the implementation of the ACA.
- In the upcoming months and years, doctors, hospitals, navigators, states, clinics and patients will be addressing the needs of the underserved with respect to affordability, accessibility and portability of primary, specialty, dental care and medication access.

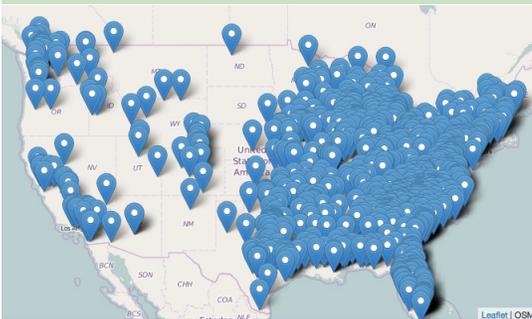
DEBUNKING THE MYTHS

One of the most common misconceptions about how the United States will look after the full implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) is that there will no longer be a need for our clinics to continue to provide charity care as a member of the safety net.

Many are surprised to hear that even after full implementation of the ACA, according to the Congressional Budget Office, there may be as **many as 29 million people**, including documented, undocumented and those who are eligible for Medicaid but reside in states that are not going to expand this program, who are still without access to health insurance.

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) is just a first step to providing coverage to more people in our country, **it is NOT:**

- A Universal health care system
- A Public Option system
- A Single Payer system
- A Medicare For All system



In 2015, Free & Charitable Clinics have seen **1.7 MILLION** unduplicated patients & **5.9 MILLION** patient visits and have utilized **160,000** volunteers, including over **30,000** medical providers, **21,000** nurses and almost **71,000** non-medical volunteers

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