



Florida FQHCs Facts

In our first year under the LIP Program, we provided the Council with specific goals to be met. We are happy to report that ALL goals were met, even exceeded during the first year. While the dollars given were less than we hoped, FQHCs were able to make good progress in improving access to primary care.

- There are now 40 FQHCs operating in Florida and these organizations currently provide quality health care in more than 220 service locations.
- FQHCs have been recognized for efficiency and effectiveness by the federal Office of Management and Budget as the #1 HHS program of all time.
- FQHCs in Florida received \$15.3M to serve more uninsured patients in the state.
- Last year Florida's Community Health Centers:
 - saw an additional 57,000 patients
 - nearly 50% of those patients were uninsured
 - increased the number of providers by 8%
 - expanded the number of center locations by 36, bringing the total number of sites to 219 to serve those additional patients
 - among the most critical shortages of providers, we expanded our dental staffs by nearly 18%

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>increase from 2005 to 2006</u>
Total Patients	645,379	702,188	56,809
Total Uninsured Patients	359,660	386,137	26,477
Total Clinical Providers	1,914	2,055	141
Number of service locations	183	219	36
Dentists at FQHCs (FTEs)	209.9	246.9	37.0

Because of these successes, FACHC requests the LIP Council increase the recommended LIP allotment for FQHCs to \$31.3M for the coming year. FQHCs, partnering with local governments, have more than adequate local matching funds to continue to expand care to uninsured populations throughout the state.

With additional funds, Community Health Centers will again add capacity with additional clinical staff and open additional service locations in the communities where uninsured populations live and desperately lack access to primary care. The LIP program is a fine tool to leverage local support and federal dollars to impact communities statewide.