

By the Numbers: Health Care Use and Spending

Health centers saved Medicaid nearly \$2,400 per patient in total annual health care spending. The Health Center Program **saved over \$10.1 billion* in 2017** for Medicaid fee-for-service patients.

Medicaid patients who received most of their primary care in HRSA-funded health centers had lower total health care use and spending than patients receiving care in other settings.

Cost of care for health center patients was lower than non-health center patients on similar healthcare services*:

↓ 24%

Primary care:	Other outpatient care**:	Emergency department:	Inpatient care:	Prescription drug:
↓ 23%	↓ 33%	↓ 11%	↓ 27%	↓ 14%

Health center patients utilized healthcare services less than non-health center patients*:

Primary care visits per patient:	Other outpatient care** visits per patient:	Emergency department visits per patient:	Inpatient (hospital-based) visits per patient:
↓ 7%	↓ 22%	↓ 11%	↓ 7%

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**Other outpatient care is defined as all non-primary care, non-transportation, and non-dental outpatient claims activity.